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LT GENERAL MANOJ PANDE APPOINTED NEW ARMY CHIEF

Lieutenant General Pande will succeed General Manoj Mukund Naravane, whose tenure will end on April 30

FIRST ENGINEER TO HOLD THE TOP MILITARY POST

Currently serving as the Vice Chief of Army Staff, Lt Gen Pande is the first engineer to be appointed to the top post. He commanded an engineer regiment along the LoC during the Operation Parakram in Jammu and Kashmir, an engineer brigade in the western sector, an infantry brigade along the LoC and a mountain division in western Ladakh

BRASS TAKES STOCK OF BORDER SITUATION

- The operational situation along India's borders was discussed in the Army Commanders' Conference in New Delhi on Monday
- The conference, an institutional platform for conceptual-level deliberations leading to policy decisions, will conclude on April 22. It will discuss border infra, new tech and Ukraine conflict P7

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LT GEN MANOJ PANDE WILL TAKE OVER AS THE 29TH ARMY CHIEF NEXT MONTH

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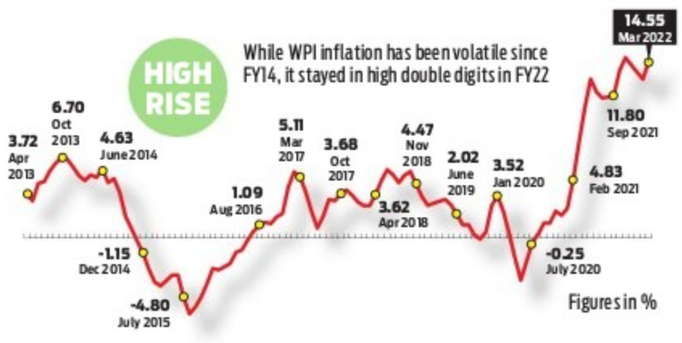

Wholesale price inflation @ 30-yr high in 2021-22

Hits four-month high of 14.55% in March; stood at 12.96% for the whole of last year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Centre's inflation headache seems to be getting severe as the wholesale price index (WPI)-based price rise surged to a 30-year high of 12.96% in FY22, on rising commodity prices and a low base of 1.3% in FY21. The last time wholesale inflation touched such high levels was three decades ago – at 13.7% in FY92 (on base year of 1981-82).

According to the latest data released by the Union commerce ministry on Monday, WPI-based inflation stood at 14.5% in March — a four-month high — compared with 7.89% in the year-ago period. WPI inflation was 13.11% in February this year.

The month of March also saw consumer price index-based inflation rise to a 17-month high of 6.95%.

While the Reserve Bank of India considers retail inflation for its policy decisions, the wholesale price rise does get reflected on the retail inflation print as companies pass on the burden to consumers.

"The high rate of inflation in March is primarily due to rise in prices of crude petroleum & natural gas, mineral oils, basic metals owing to disruption in the global supply chain caused by Russia-Ukraine conflict," a government release read.

The month-over-month change in WPI for the fuel and power basket in March stood at 2.69% compared to February, while that for manufactured products surged 2.31% over the same period. Fuel & power and manufactured products formed 13.15% and 64.23%, respectively, of WPI.

The rate of inflation based on WPI food index rose from 8.47% in February to 8.71% in March. The food index consists of 'food articles' from the primary group and 'food product' from the manufactured products group.

"The surge is fairly broad based as primary articles, fuel & power and manufacturing recorded double-digit inflation in March 2022," said Sunil Kumar Sinha, principal economist, India Ratings.

Fuel & power inflation, which was on a declining trajectory, reversed its course in March by increasing to 34.5% against 31.5% a month-ago.

RBI flags risks to economy

India has managed the pandemic well and economic activity is picking up momentum, but these gains are "at risk from disruptive spillovers from geo-political hostilities..." RBI said in a note

State govt collects 30% commission from mutts: Seer

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bagalkot/Bengaluru

WITHIN a week of civil contractor Santosh Patil committing suicide after accusing then Rural Development and Panchayat Raj minister KS Eshwarappa's associates of demanding a commission to release funds, a Veerashaiva Lingayat seer from Northw Karnataka accused the state government of demanding a 30 per cent commission to release grants to mutts.

The allegation by the seer, Balehosur Mutt pontiff **Dingaleshwara Swami**, gave fresh ammo to opposition parties to corner the government on corruption charges, while Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said a thorough probe will be conducted if the seer provides details.

"The government demands a 30 per cent commission to release the grants sanctioned to mutts or temples. Officers not only openly communicate with mutts about the commission, but also make it clear that the work will be carried out only if the commission is given," the seer told TNIE on Monday.

"It is disappointing that corruption has reached new heights in the state. The MLAs have reached such levels that they decide the commission even before the project is officially announced. It is not just my statement, but that of people too. I will stand by my words," he said. He first made the allegation while addressing farmers on Sunday during the valedictory ceremony of Sankalp Yatra, organised by Congress veteran SR Patil, at Badagandi village near Bagalkot. Responding to the charges, Bommai said a thorough probe will be conducted if the Swamiji provides details. "Dingaleshwara Swamiji is a revered seer and it is not enough if he just gives a statement. If he can provide details as to who demanded the commission, to whom it was paid, and all the related details, then I will ensure a thorough probe," Bommai said. P4

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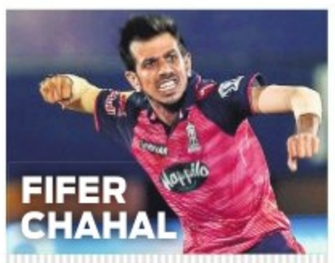
EXPRESS READ

CM heading to Delhi, hints at Cabinet rejig

A day after the BJP state executive committee meeting at Hosapete in Vijayanagara district, CM Basavaraj Bommai on Monday hinted at changes in his Cabinet. Speaking to the media, Bommai said a special meeting will be convened by top BJP leaders in Delhi | P4

BBMP truck runs over woman bank staffer

Bengaluru: A 40-year-old woman employee of a nationalised bank died on the spot after a speeding BBMP garbage truck crashed into her scooter at Nayandahalli junction on Mysuru Road on Monday night. The deceased, Padmini D, a resident of RR Nagar, was working as a deputy manager of the bank at St Mark's Road branch. Traffic was affected for a while on the busy road after the accident that occurred around 8 pm. |P2



Yuzvendra Chahal's five-wicket haul, including a fourth-over hat-trick, helped Rajasthan Royals pull off a seven-run victory against Kolkata Knight Riders in an IPL match on Monday. Jos Buttler's second hundred of season helped RR score 217 for five in 20 overs | P11

CID raids BJP leader's house, arrests her husband in PSI scam

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI @Kalaburagi

THE probe into the alleged scam surrounding the police sub-inspectors' (PSI) recruitment common entrance test, conducted by the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC), netted the husband of a BJP leader late Sunday night in Kalaburagi.

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) sleuths raided the residence of BJP leader and ex-president of Kalaburagi District BJP Mahila Morcha, Divya, and arrested her husband Rajesh Hagaragi, besides conducting searches at an educational institution they are linked to on Monday and seizing CCTV footage from its premises.

The raid was conducted based on evidence pointing to the alleged involvement of the Hagaragi couple and several others at the institution in the recruitment scam. Rajesh and Divya are president and secretary, respectively, of the Jnana Ganga Education Institute, which was one of the centres for PSI entrance test on October 3, 2021. Large-scale malpractices were reported at the centre, including exam supervisors helping candidates write the papers.

The CID sleuths, led by Kalaburagi SP Raghavendra Hegde, DySPs Shankargowda Patil and Prakash Rathod, raided Divya's house, but she was not there at that time. Towards the end of the raid, Rajesh was arrested. Sources said Divya may also be questioned once she is traced. She has remained incommunicado since April 9, when the CID registered a recruitment scam case at the Chowk police station.

CID sleuths earlier arrested three supervisors working at the institution -- Suma, Siddamma and Savitri. They were taken to the institution on Monday during the raid to gather further evidence. Sources said that as per information collected by the CID, institution principal Kashinath had switched off the CCTV cameras for about half-an-hour on the day the malpractice was committed. The sleuths are yet to examine the CCTV footage. Divya was the district unit president of BJP Women Morcha till September-end, 2021. P5

Re-exam to be considered only after probe: CM

CM Basavaraj Bommai said the state government has ordered a CID probe and has given it a free hand. "We will take action against those involved, whoever it is," he said. Asked about a demand from candidates for a re-exam, he said, "It will be decided after getting a comprehensive probe report."

Kheri: SC nixes bail of minister's son

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday set aside the bail granted to Ashish Mishra, son of Union minister Ajay Mishra, in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence, observing the Allahabad High Court was myopic and in a tearing hurry to give him relief.

The order came on a petition filed by the family members of the victims of the violence. It directed Ashish to surrender within a week.

A bench led by Chief Justice of India N V Ramana directed the high court to decide the matter afresh, observing among other factors that the victims didn't get effective hearing.

The bench observed that instead of looking into aspects such as the nature and gravity of the offence, severity of the punishment in the event of conviction, circumstances which are peculiar to the accused or victims, likelihood of the accused fleeing, likelihood of tampering with the evidence and witnesses and the impact that his release may have on the trial and the society at large, the high court adopted a myopic view of the evidence on the record.

"The high court shall decide the bail application afresh expeditiously and preferably within a period of three months," the order read. The bench said the high court took into account several irrelevant considerations while ignoring judicial precedents and parameters.

"It has been ruled on numerous occasions that a FIR cannot be treated as an encyclopedia of events.

NCP in K'taka to unite secular parties: Pawar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

SHARAD Pawar, the founder of Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), on Monday said that his visit to Karnataka is part of his mission to create a consensus among secular political parties in the country and he will make use of his personal relationship with former prime minister HD Deve Gowda to unite in the larger interest of the country. Pawar said he is visiting different states with the same mission.

The 81-year-old leader, speaking after inaugurating the NCP Karnataka office, said, "We have no base in Karnataka and will contest a limited number of seats in the Assembly polls by ensuring that secular votes do not get divided. We follow the same strategy in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana."

Asked who will lead the non-BJP alliance, he said it will be decided after bringing everyone together. "In a month or so we may sit together, discuss and take a stand as the country needs an alternative," he added.

He refused to predict the outcome of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Asked about election strategist Prashant Kishor giving a presentation to Congress interim chief Sonia Gandhi, Pawar said he does not believe in such predictions. The Congress-led UPA came to power in 2004 despite predictions not favouring it, he pointed out. P4

NCP chief Sharad Pawar (right) during the inauguration of the party office in Bengaluru on Monday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

HUBBALLI CLASHES: 15 MORE HELD

The Hubballi police on Monday arrested 15 more people in connection with the stone-throwing at Old Hubballi police station late Saturday night | P4

5 Bengal labourers die in M'luru factory

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

FIVE labourers from West Bengal suffocated to death at a fish processing unit in the Special Economic Zone (MSEZ) on the outskirts of Mangaluru city on Sunday.

The deceased have been identified as Mohammed Samirulla, Umar Farooq, Nizamuddin Ali, Mirajul Islam and Sarafath Ali. While four of them were in their 20s, one was said to be 16-year-old, which is being verified. Three other labourers, Hasan Ali, Karibulla and Aftal Malik, who took ill are being treated at a private hospital and are out of danger.

The waste water tank where the labourers got stuck in the slush

The incident occurred around 6 pm on Sunday when Nizamuddin went in to clean a 20-foot-deep waste water tank at Sri Ulka LLB, a factory that exports processed fish to Russia, China and other countries. He reportedly got stuck in the slush in the tank and cried out for help. Other labourers who were around rushed to his help. They not only failed to rescue him, but two others, Samirulla and Farooq, also got stuck in the slush and died. Five other labourers who entered the tank were rushed to a private hospital, where Mirajul and Sarafath, died on Monday morning.

CONTINUED ON P5

Jahangirpuri gunman, VHP leader arrested

ANKITA UPADHYAY AND VATSALA SHRANGI @New Delhi

THE Delhi Police on Monday lodged an FIR against the organisers of the Shobha Yatra that was marred by riots in Jahangirpuri, two days after violence broke out in the area. VHP and Bajrang Dal members took out the procession without permission, the FIR alleged.

DCP (northwest) Usha Rangnani said an FIR has been registered against the organisers of the evening procession. "One of the accused identified as Prem Sharma, VHP zila sewa pramukh, has been arrested for the procession on the evening of April 16 without having permission," she said. It later emerged he was let off by the police after questioning. Vinod Bansal, VHP's national spokesperson, wondered, "If the organisers didn't have permission, then what were police officials doing moving along it?"

Amid uneasy calm in Jahangirpuri on Monday, a minor incident of stone pelting ratcheted up tension again. "A video was being circulated on social media showing a man in blue *kurta* opening fire during the riots in Jahangirpuri area on April 16. He has been nabbed by the special staff of our district," the DCP added.

Four forensic teams visited the spot on Monday to collect evidence, Delhi Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana said. He also dismissed allegations claiming attempts to hoist a saffron flag atop a mosque during the procession on Saturday. Meanwhile, a letter petition was filed before Chief Justice of India N V Ramana urging him to take suo motu cognisance of the Jahangirpuri riot and constitute a probe panel headed by a sitting Supreme Court judge.

Siachen Glacier melting slower than others in Himalayas

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

THE Siachen Glacier is escaping the high rate of melting that other Himalayan glaciers are experiencing due to the impact of climate change. This means that the glacier, which is considered strategic to both India and Pakistan, is likely to remain the highest battleground in the world for many more decades to come than imagined.

A team of researchers from the University of Leeds, which studied 14,798 Himalayan glaciers during and since the Little Ice Age (which occurred between the 14th and 19th century) by computer reconstruction of the sizes and ice surfaces of these glaciers, has found these glaciers to be melting at a rate ten times faster, losing around 40 per cent of their area — shrinking from a peak of 28,000 sqkm to around 19,600 sqkm today.

However, renowned glaciologist and professor at the Divecha Centre for Climate Change (DCCC) at the Indian Institute of Science, Dr Anil V Kulkarni told The New Indian Express that despite Himalayan glaciers losing ice ten times quicker than on an average in the last 400 to 700 years, as found by the University of Leeds researchers, Siachen Glacier will remain relatively stable longer.

He explained that the Siachen Glacier, situated north of Ladakh and wedged between the Trans Karakoram Tract in the north, Gilgit-Baltistan in the west and Aksai Chin in the east, is in the Karakoram mountain range and is subject to the "Karakoram anomaly". This deviation in glacial melt trend found in Siachen Glacier is part of an anomalous growth of glaciers in the central Karakoram, which is in contrast to the retreat of glaciers in nearby Himalayan ranges. This means glaciers within the range — including Siachen — are relatively stable, despite glaciers in nearby regions retreating and shrinking faster due to global warming.

Birds, dogs on runway may have caused mishap

Tail wheel of aircraft veered to the left and toppled: DGCA official

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AN aircraft engaged in a local sortie at the Jakkur Aerodrome in Bengaluru toppled during landing on Sunday evening. Internationally renowned competitive skydiving champion Cheryl Ann Stearns, who was on board the aircraft, sustained minor injuries while pilot Capt Akash Jaiswal, who was at the wheel, escaped unhurt.

There is a possibility that a flock of birds and dogs on the runway at the time of landing could have caused the mishap.

The Cessna 185 aircraft (VT - ETU) belonged to Agni Aviation Private Limited and the

Skydiving champ Cheryl Ann Stearns was on board the aircraft during accident

incident occurred on runway 08 at 5.42 pm, said a reliable source.

According to an official from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), "It was a tail wheel aircraft and it veered to the left on the runway and got toppled." The official added that Stearns sustained minor injuries and has been sent to Columbia Asia Hospital for check up.

Stearns, a US native, was guiding Capt Jaiswal on the techniques of making a diving pattern in the skies. "After the plane touched down, and during roll out, a flock of birds and a few dogs were noticed on the runway by those on board. They do not recall what happened after that as the aircraft had toppled after that," said a source familiar with the development. Capt Jaiswal is a very experienced pilot, he added. The aircraft has sustained extensive damages. Two teams from DGCA, one that reached on Sunday and another on Monday afternoon, are carrying out investigations.

Garbage, illegal acts around Jakkur airfield

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE presence of street dogs on the airstrips in Jakkur aerodrome has rung alarm bells. As aviation experts point to the lack of maintenance from the city corporation, they blame the Karnataka forest department for the forest patches abutting the area.

A senior forest department official said: "Dogs are not wildlife for us to maintain. Most of the areas around Jakkur- Allalasandra are encroached and under court litigation. They have become illegal dumping yards and a safe haven from illegal activities. So out of 176 acres, around nine acres is with us. Many other patches have also been handed over by government officials for houses and layouts, without proper documents. So the department has little control at the moment."

The officials added that many parts abutting the aerodrome are also not fenced and street dogs easily stray in. The presence of birds cannot be questioned as there are green spaces all around and controlling birds is the task of the ATC.

"We have been struggling from very long to free lands from litigation and maintain the patches, but court procedures take time. Also the involvement of the powerful in clearing encroachments is another challenge. It is not the first time that dogs have been strayed into the aerodrome. As per our records, a total of 177 acres is part of the state forest. If it is handed back, it can be cleared, well protected and fenced," the official added.

HISTORY TOUR

The Tipu Summer Palace makes entry free for tourists on World Heritage Day in Bengaluru on Monday | SHRIRAM BN

BBMP workers demand ₹2,000 to clean drains

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WHILE most parts of Old Central Business district and Bengalureans were gearing up for Karaga, shopkeepers and residents on border areas of Dharmarayaswamy Temple ward were left to suffer.

As the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) made special efforts to clean up the areas where Karaga will move around, the areas of Chickpete, Avenue road, Sulthanpet and surrounding areas were left out. Due to the heavy downpour on Saturday the storm water drains over flowed and the residents and shopkeepers were left in lurch. When they called the BBMP workers to help, they were asked to pay Rs 2,000 per unit to clean clogged SWD.

"Despite repeated attempts, with downpour we suffer due to lack of basic infrastructure. But this time we could not step out late Saturday evening as the area was filled with dirty water. We called BBMP people and they asked us to pay Rs 2,000 for each shop to clean. When we refused, they refused to clean," said Ajay L, a shopkeeper from Avenue Road. Agitated shopkeepers and residents arranged for bamboo sticks for Rs 45-Rs 50 each and cleared the muck themselves on Saturday night.

Residents and shopkeepers clear the muck with bamboo sticks

EXPRESS READ

KCET online registration begins

BENGALURU: Karnataka Common Entrance Test exam registration began on April 18 which will continue till 11:59 pm on May 5. Online applications can be downloaded from the Karnataka Examination Authority website. Last date for fee payment is May 6, and corrections will be allowed till May 10.

PRR submission deadline is May 18

BENGALURU: The last date of bidding for the Peripheral Ring Road project remains May 18, said BDA Commissioner Rajesh Gowda. The submission of documents for the pre-bid meeting for the project, scheduled for April 18 has been deferred 10 days to April 28, he told TNIE.

B'luru chokes as festive crowd returns

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HUGE traffic jams were reported in and around the city on Monday. Police said that the jams were triggered by commuters who returned to the city from the long weekend, throwing traffic out of the gear particularly on Tumakuru Road, KR Puram, Konanakunte Cross and Bellari Road.

Traffic police said that many commuters were in their native places on holiday and vacations, and returned early morning, resulting in huge traffic jams which were reported at the toll gates in the city.

Many police personnel were deployed to clear the traffic at major junctions while at a few junctions, BBMP staff were clearing the waterlogging and open drainage.

A senior police officer said that heavy traffic on Monday and Friday is common and there is no solution to control it.

K M Shantharaju, DCP Traffic (East) said that those working in Bengaluru come to city on Monday and again they go to their native nearby on Friday night. So we always deploy extra police personnel to monitor the traffic at some of the major junctions which is common on Hosur Road, Banasawadi, Lalbagh, JC Road and KR Puram.

Kuldeep Kumar Jain, DCP Traffic (West) said that the police personnel report to duty at 6 am on Monday. Traffic has been slow in the city following heavy rain over the last four days and police also cleared the water in some underpasses. Regular traffic jam will be reported at Goraguntepalya, Nagarabhavi, City Market junction, South End Circle and Konanakunte Cross.

Clear school upgrading applications on time: HC

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TAKING a serious note of a large number of litigations coming up before the court alleging failure on the part of authorities of the Primary and Secondary Education Department to consider the applications seeking approval for upgradation of existing schools, the Karnataka High Court on Monday said that the authorities are required to act in a reasonable, just and fair manner on the applications and give reasons for granting or refusing permission.

The school managements contend that their applications are not disposed of in a time-bound manner. "Disposal of the applications in a time-bound manner is extremely essential as the applications are filed for a specific academic year. It is necessary for the respondents -- authorities of the primary and secondary education department and office of the public instructions -- to bear in mind the fact that the applications are filed by paying considerably high amount of fees and if the applications are not considered by them and disposed of within a reasonable time, it will entail great hardship to the applicants. It is also necessary for the respondents to keep in mind that they are bound to give reasons for granting or refusing to grant permission," said Justice P Krishna Bhat.

Garbage truck runs over bank official

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A 40-year-old woman employee of a nationalised bank, who was riding a scooter, died on the spot after a speeding BBMP garbage truck ran over her at Nayandahalli junction on Mysuru road on Monday night. The traffic on the busy Bengaluru-Mysuru road was affected after the accident.

The deceased, Padmini D, a resident of RR Nagar, was working as a deputy manager of the bank at St Mark's Road branch. The accident occurred around 8 pm when she was heading towards Nayandahalli junction. The police shifted her body to Victoria Hospital for the postmortem and her mortal remains will be handed over to her parents on Tuesday. The truck driver ran away from the spot. On April 1, a 60-year-old farmer, Ramayya S, was killed after a speeding BBMP garbage truck knocked down his bike in Bagaluru. On March 21, a girl, Akshaya (14), was killed while a biker and another woman pedestrian were injured after a speeding garbage truck knocked them down in Hebbal.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

19th April: Powerful planetary alignments are at their monthly peak, so we can make a number of general comments. It could be an ideal moment for following adventurous leads, inaugurating exciting activities. People who are keen to hang on to the past or stay in a cosy and comfortable rut may not be so happy with the way that things are going.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
If you are over a professional crisis, or some other public storm, you should now concentrate on home decorations and family celebrations. Sort out your finances today and formulate pleasurable plans. If you just sit back and passively wait for the best to happen, then it might just pass you by.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The fascinating relationship between the Sun, representing your public aspirations, and the Moon symbolising your private affairs, brings together areas of your life which are not always intimately connected. I'd say that this is a perfect time to reflect on the past and make a wish for the future.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
One of your crucial planetary cycles concerns the passage of Mercury around your solar chart. This indicates that any current secretive tendencies will definitely be reinforced over the coming few weeks. Perhaps you have good reasons for keeping certain thoughts to yourself.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
This undoubtedly is going to be an extremely complex period, but you have a perfectly free choice as to how far you get involved. Nobody can force you to do anything against your will. My advice would be to enjoy all mysterious developments, but to know where to draw the line.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
The combined presence of old influences and new offers are certainly giving you pause for thought. There's an air of mystery, which may well mean that you are the cause of suspicion in other people's minds, so be tolerant and understanding. If someone appears to cause offence, then go easy on them: they might not mean it.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You should lose no time if you have more adventurous or travel plans to finalise, or overseas contacts to cultivate. Family members far away would appreciate it if you got in touch, so take the initiative and make contact. You might even be pleasantly surprised.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
It's a fine moment to settle domestic spending, even to finalise a property deal. Legal matters may also be increasingly important, although for some of you it will be a foreign contact which dominates your thoughts. Try to lift your sights beyond trivial day-to-day concerns.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
That dynamic planet Mars is without a doubt encouraging you to become more adventurous, even if you still feel that someone close is holding you back. The first step may be to work out your finances, and you can do so just as soon as you have taken partners into your confidence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The true interpretation of current planetary influences is that thought, communication and study are vital. These principles underlie everything else in your life for another three months, and the message is that you'd better know what you're talking about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Other people's determination not to co-operate should by now have been replaced by an eagerness to join in. In point of fact, this may be no easier to deal with! Whatever the rights or wrongs of any particular situation, you should give partners the benefit of the doubt.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It can be confusing when the same facts point to different conclusions. If you are now told something in a rather curious manner, it may take you some time to discover what this particular person is actually trying to say. The conclusion is: don't jump to conclusions!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
If meetings, interviews or negotiations are planned, you should be in a strong position, although if exactly the same situation should be repeated in, say, one or two months' time, you may not be so lucky. That's why it's important to do the best job you can now.

THE PHANTOM

THAK!
IT NEVER WILL AS LONG AS MEN LIKE KYABJE DORJE ARE IN THE FIGHT!
THRAK!
THE MOUNTAIN CITY DOESN'T BELONG TO YOU, GENTLEMEN...
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HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

HONEY! COME QUICK! BREAKING NEWS ON PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL!!!
DID HE SEE HIS SHADOW?
NOT YET! BUT THE PUNXSUTAWNEY BIGWIGS ARE APOLOGIZING FOR A PHIL TWEET THAT WAS ANTI-WINTER!
OH MY! SOB
...AND YOU CAN SEE IT ALL ON PHIL'S REALITY SHOW! STAY TUNED!
PHIL'S THE LAST ONE I THOUGHT WOULD GO HOLLYWOOD!
IT'LL BE OKAY, DEAR

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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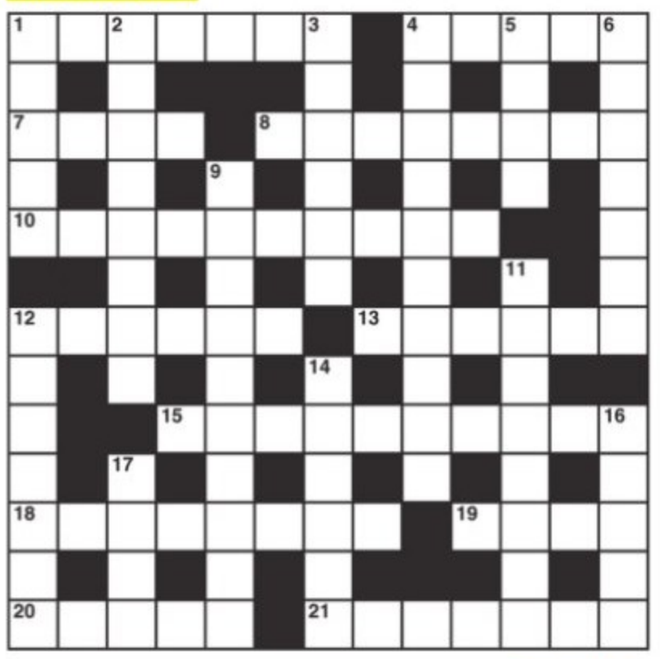
CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Inferior articles that don't last long (7)
4 Moved fast when account got in the red (5)
7 Turn out to be the smallest (4)
8 Yields from TV shares (8)
10 Notes kept in a pocket book perhaps (5,5)
12 Show a padre out (6)
13 The balance mounts (6)
15 Side given drink for morale? (4,6)
18 Made notes with no signs of worry (8)
19 She's spotted following a band (4)
20 Archer's accent? (5)
21 Find something irritating and withdraw from event (7)

DOWN
1 Take off from the landing field (5)
2 Scheme for church to contain prison outbreak (8)
3 Time to make things palatable (6)
4 A book to be critically examined but not bought (6,4)
5 Objective action? (4)
6 Diana's a girl cashier (7)
9 A noted soporific (6,4)
11 Instrument certainly shorter when broken (8)
12 Stinker of a place to renovate (7)
14 Instigates some simple arrangement (6)
16 Show how to cheat perhaps (5)
17 She has them shortened to a degree (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Go on holiday, 9 Egoists, 10 Limbo, 11 Used, 12 Keystone, 14 Enigma, 16 Ordeal, 18 Felonies, 19 Span, 22 Right, 23 Outdone, 24 Glider pilot.

Down: 2 Ozone, 3 Nose, 4 Oyster, 5 Illusory, 6 Armhole, 7 Reduced fare, 8 Moneylender, 13 Emanated, 15 Illegal, 17 Detour, 20 Photo, 21 Etui.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

ZIMEA

AAPDN

ORANWR

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You can see that they snake their way from north to south.
They almost make an "S".
MANY SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES ARE HOME TO THE ANDES BECAUSE OF THE WAY THEY'RE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Print answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S **Jumbles:**
THEFT BLUNT CEMENT MAINLY
ANSWER: A brave knight wearing a suit of armor ready to do battle is an example of — METTLE IN METAL

DURATION OF PANDEMIC	CASES REPORTED	DEATHS	DISCHARGES
2 YEARS, 41 DAYS	■ 53 ◂ 54	■ 0 | ◂ 0	■ 44 | ◂ 31
	TALLY	POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
■ TODAY ◂ YESTERDAY	■ 39,46,422 ◂ 39,46,369	■ 6.00 % | ◂ 6.00 %	■ 1.01 % | ◂ 1.01 %
ACTIVE CASES	■ 1,473 ◂ 1,464		RECOVERY RATE ■ 98.94% ◂ 98.94%

B'luru Urban: 51	Chamarajanagar: 0	Dharwad: 0	Kolar: 0	Shivamogga: 0
B'luru Rural: 0	Chikkaballapur: 0	Gadag: 0	Koppal: 0	Tumakuru: 0
Bagalkot: 0	Chikkamagaluru: 0	Hassan: 0	Mandya: 0	Udupi: 0
Ballari: 0	Chitradurga: 0	Haveri: 0	Mysuru: 0	U Kannada: 0
Belagavi: 0	D Kannada: 2	Kalaburagi: 0	Raichur: 0	Vijayapura: 0
Bidar: 0	Davanagere: 0	Kodagu: 0	Ramanagara: 0	Yadgir: 0

CRIME PATROL

Woman killed as KSRTC bus knocks down bike

Bengaluru: A 52-year-old woman was killed on the spot while her brother escaped with injuries after a KSRTC bus hit their bike. The incident occurred on Palace Road on Monday morning and the police arrested the driver. The deceased has been identified as Lakshmi Devi from Chintamani, who had come to visit her brother in Kodigehalli. ENS

Two held on charges of robbing trio from Kerala

Bengaluru: Two notorious robbers who had attacked and robbed three persons from Kerala have been arrested by the North East division police. The victims were going in a Kerala registered car. After looking at the registration number and realising that they were not from Karnataka, the accused picked up a fight in what looked like a case of road rage and robbed them of cash by threatening them at knife point. The accused are identified as Aslam Pasha alias Turaab, 32, of Hoskote and Syed Imran alias 'Tablet' Imran, 25, of KG Halli. The accused had robbed K Vijesh and his friends on April 9 at around 2.30 pm near Bagalur Cross. The victims had been robbed of Rs 5,000 in cash.

ACB traps Bescom assistant engineer

Bengaluru: An assistant engineer of Bescom was trapped by the ACB sleuths while accepting a bribe of Rs 20,000, on Monday. Naveen D, Assistant Engineer (Electrical) working at Bescom's 4th East Sub-Division, is the trapped engineer. ACB police said an electrical contractor had applied for the installation of a 280 kv transformer on Balagere Road in Varthur, at the Bescom's Operational & Maintenance Unit. The accused engineer had demanded Rs 25,000 as a bribe. "The contractor had filed a complaint with us and a trap was laid on Monday," the police added.

SILVER LINING

Covid fadeout? 0 deaths in K'taka for 10 days

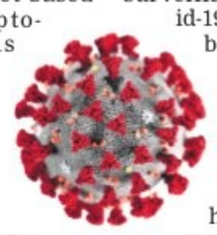
Cases fall, so do ICU admissions, but monitoring to continue

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA has reported zero Covid-19 related deaths in the past 10 days, as per data shared by the Health department's Covid-19 bulletin. This is in keeping with the national trend of a fall in deaths over the past few weeks. On February 2, the state had reported 81 deaths, the highest single-day record during the third wave. However, since March 13, the number of deaths reported has been below five. Meanwhile, from April 9 onwards, the state has reported zero deaths till April 18. The total deaths in the state is now 40,057.

Dr K V Thrilok Chandra, Special Commissioner, BBMP (Health), told TNIE, "The number of Covid-19 cases itself is low and so also ICU admissions. We have noticed that a majority of those who are testing positive are showing mild symptoms, Also, there have been zero admissions to ICUs in the past few days," he said. However, the commissioner admitted that as the number of tests itself is low in the state, officials have decided to change the way Covid cases are monitored.

The state has now started target testing, and any person who is symptomatic at the OPD is told to get tested. "We cannot be complacent and hence the state is closely watching Covid cases. We have told our officials to do strategic and target-based testing. All symptomatic individuals visiting OPDs are being tested. Also, we are in touch with private hospitals too," Dr Thrilok Chandra said.



However, he confirmed that so far, there has been no trace of any new variant or mutation of the Covid-19 virus. "We are strictly monitoring sewage samples and have found no changes in Covid-19 behaviour so far. Private hospitals have also been asked to test symptomatic patients and no significant changes have been noted." Meanwhile, the state has also asked all contacts to be traced for early detection of cases.

Sewage surveillance

The Centre has asked all states to send sewage samples to all sentinel sites that currently carry out surveillance of poliovirus. However, Karnataka began its sewage survey in 2021 itself, and was the first state to launch sewage surveillance to detect Covid-19 clusters. "We have been continuously doing surveillance and have so far not found any major changes in the way SARS-CoV-2 is behaving. Omicron has been the dominant variant," Dr Chandra said.He said the Centre has asked states to strictly monitor sewage samples. Experts from the Technical Advisory Committee have also stressed the need for strict sewage surveillance. Unlike other types of Covid surveillance, waste water surveillance does not depend on people having access to healthcare facilities, or testing.

Auto driver assumes wife acted in porn movie, kills her in front of kids

PRAVEEN KUMAR @Bengaluru

ADDICTED to porn, a man killed his wife assuming her to have acted in a porn movie at Ramanagar town early on Sunday morning. The accused, Jaheer Pasha (40), an auto driver, watched a porn movie two months ago and suspected that his wife Mubeena (35) was the woman in it. He started harassing her by suspecting her fidelity. Around 12.30 am on Sunday, he stabbed her to death in front of their children.

Mubeena, a housewife, was a resident of Rehamaniyanagara on BM Road, while Pasha is from Shammanna Garden in Bengaluru. The couple, who were married for 15 years, have five children.

Pasha allegedly beat up Mubeena at a family function in Kolar two months ago, raising the same issue, and that was when other family members came to know about the reason for Pasha harassing her. Around 20 days ago, Pasha beat up his wife so badly that she had to be hospitalised.

"Her father approached the Byatarayanapura police, but Mubeena stopped him from filing a complaint. The couple stayed in the city and shifted to Ramanagar just four days prior to the incident. At 12.40 am on Sunday, the couple's first son rushed to his grandfather Ghouse Pasha's residence, which is close by, and told him that their mother had been stabbed by their father," said an officer, who is part of the investigation.

Ghouse Pasha, the complainant in the case, rushed to his daughter's house and found her dead.

WET START TO THE WEEK

Bengaluru continued to witness rainfall on Monday too. While Vidyapeeth received 35 mm of rainfall, Kengeri saw 32 mm of rain. BBMP control room received calls of tree fall from across the city | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Two students drown off Malpe coast

ENS @Udupi

TWO student drowned in the sea near St Mary's Island off Malpe coast on Monday. The incident took place between 11.30 am and 12 pm, when nearly 60 students from the GKVK Campus in Bengaluru arrived at the island along with four lecturers and a tour guide. The victims are Sathish from Haveri and Sathish from Bagalkot. They were in their 20s, sources said.

Sudesh Shetty, Malpe beach leaseholder who also looks after St Mary's Island, said, "Four students climbed a rock. The moment the lifeguards saw them, these students were warned. The lifeguards started moving towards them, kept whistling and requesting them to get off the rock. But the students were engaged in taking selfies at the edge of the rock and before anyone could realise what was happening, they were hit by a huge wave and four of them fell into the water."

Runs in the blood! This interstate thief was trained by parents

ENS @Bengaluru

FOR this interstate thief, crime was his professional calling and also family tradition. Akbar S, 36, a native of Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh, had an illustrious career in thieving, right from Andheri in Mumbai to Rani Bagh in New Delhi to Banaswadi in Bengaluru.

When Yelahanka New Town police managed to arrest Akbar for his involvement in a theft in February 2020, they did not know they had got their hands on a professional. Arrested at least eight times, he would obtain bail and simply go back to a life of crime. His parents, Sultan Saifi and Raziya, had trained their son in the art of stealing and escape tactics, especially from the police.

The family stayed in Delhi and later shifted to Mumbai, where Akbar studied up to Class 5 in Model Public School in Andheri. After quitting studies, he started driving an auto rickshaw and on his rounds, would look for locked houses. Father and son would team up to break into the houses and steal valuables. Raziya would also identify locked houses and send them in the dead of night. She was adept at disposing of stolen property.

After the death of his parents, Akbar grew alone and moved south. He then teamed up with Saleem alias Jagga, and Raju Chand of Delhi, and has been active since 2004.

Police recovered gold worth Rs 7.2 lakh from him, and arrested his aide Shadab Khan, 28, also from Uttar Pradesh. Further investigations are on.

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, AT MAGADI
O.S.No. 13/2015

BETWEEN
Smt.Sushilamma ...PLAINTIFFS
And
Renukamma and others ...DEFENDANTS

LRs OF DECEASED DEFENDANT NO.1

Notice is hereby given to the LRs of defendant No.1 that a suit has been made before this court by the plaintiff for partition with respect of the suit schedule properties.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE LRS OF LATE. SMT.RENUKAMMA i.e., DEFENDANT NO.1:

A. Smt.Gayathri W/o Late. Revanna, D/o Late. Ranga swamy, Aged about 52 years, residing at Maheshwari medical store, YOFD KTG road, Hegganahalli, Bangalore

B.Smt.Bhagya W/o Krishnaswamy, D/o Late. Ranga swamy, Aged about 50 years, Residing at: near Basavanna Temple, Kottamaranahalli Village, Gullur Hobli, Arlur post, Tumkur district

C. Smt.Jayamma W/o Nagaraj D/o Late. Rangaswamy Aged about 48 years, residing at: Kannur village, Kudur hobli, Magadi taluk, Hulikal post, Ramanagara district

D. Shri.Krishne Gowda, S/o Late.Rangaswamy Aged about 46 years Residing near Maheshwari medical storeYOFD KTG road, Hegganahalli Bangalore

The said suit is ordered to be posted on **25th day of May month of 2022**. Given under my hand and the seal of the court this 11th day of April 2022

By order of the court, SHERISTEDAR
Senior Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Magadi

Address for the service:

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information of general public that my client **Sri. Datta Prasad Nagaraja Shastri,** S/o. H.S. Nagaraja Shastri, aged 52 years, R/at #15, Akshaya, 7th Main, Pramod Layout, Pantharapalya, Bengaluru 560039, has proposed to purchase the agricultural lands which is morefully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the Schedule Properties from its lawful owner Mr. Saif Ahmed Rana, S/o. Aftab Ahamed, residing at No.9, Main Raghavendra Swamy Temple Street, 3'd Stage, BEML Layout, Bengaluru 560098 having he acquired under Document bearing No. MGD-1- 07579-2018-19 CD No. MGDD290 Dated: 28/12/2018 and another property under Document bearing No. MGD-1-07580-2018-19 CD No. MGDD290 Dated: 28/12/2018.

Any person/s having any objections / claims on the below mentioned properties may lodge their objections (or) claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such lawful claim with the undersigned within 10 days from the date hereof failing which my client shall proceed to and enter into sale agreement and sale deed to complete the registration formalities.

SCHEDULE

Property No.1: All that piece and parcel of Agricultural dry land bearing by No.4, in Katha No.41 MRH 46/2015-16, measuring to an extent of 4-00 Acre 27 Guntas situated at Hanchikuppe Village, Madabal Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District and bounded on: **East by:** Lands belonging to Khalandar Sab, Puttamadaiah and Azeersab, **West by:** Rangacharipalya Border, **North by:** Papashastripalya Border, **South by:** Land belonging to Ghouse Peer.

Property No.2: Item No. 1: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural dry land bearing Sy. No.2/1, Katha No.41, MRH 47/2015-16 measuring to an extent of 2-00 Acre 28 Guntas situated at Hanchikuppe Village, Madabal Hobli, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District and bounded on **East by:** Land in by No.99/2, **West by:** Land in Sy. No.4, **North by:** Papashastripalya Border, **South by:** Land in Sy No.2/2.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural dry land bearing Sy No.4/3, Katha No.41, MRH 11/2015-16 measuring to an extent of 03 Guntas situated at Rangacharipalya Village, Madabal Hobli,Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District and bounded on **East by:** Land belonging to Sufiya W/o. Aleemsab, **West by:** Land belonging to Late L.L. Sathyanarayansetty and Karthikesh, Omprakash, S/o. Om, **North by:** Land belonging to Kempanna, **South by:** Road.

L. PRAGASAM, Advocate
No. 9, 2nd 'A' Cross, CPR Laycut, 3rd Main, Kammanahalli Extension, St. Thomas Town Post, Bangalore-84. Mob: 9901011675 / 78925 62447

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INVITATION OF BIDS – TWO COVER – ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM

IFB No.	F.Nagercoil UGSS/TED/SDO 2/ CW /2022 /Dt : 13.04.2022
Fund	CGF
Eligibility	Registered Class I Bidders
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, No.1/1, Sambakulam, Ganesh Nagar, Mattuthavani, Madurai - 625 007
Sale of Bid & Place of Sale	**21.04.2022 to 18.05.2022 upto 5.45 p.m. At O/o the Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Sewerage Division, Nagercoil, Tamilnadu** by cash or by Demand Draft for Rs.1000 + GST in favour of Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Sewerage Division, Nagercoil payable at **Nagercoil**.
Downloading website	(Free of cost) at **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** and **www.twadboard.tn.gov.in.**
Pre Bid meeting	**06.05.2022** at **11.00 a.m.** at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid Submission	**20.05.2022** before **3.00 p.m.** at the office of the Tender Invitee in person or through post. This office will not be held responsible for postal delay, if any.
Bid opening	**20.05.2022** at **3.30 p.m.** at the office of the Tender Invitee

Sl. No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs.in Crore including GST)	Bid security (Rs.in lakhs)
1.	Providing treated effluent disposal arrangement in STP site under UGSS to Nagercoil Municipality (now upgraded as Corporation) – period of completion 9 months.	11.90	8.93

DIPR/ 1903 /TENDER/2022
Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai
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Global EOI for Lignite Beneficiation Plant

Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd., (GMDC) is one of India's leading mining and mineral processing companies. Ranked 132nd among India's Fortune 500 companies (2017) and in the Top-5 by market capitalisation in the mining sector, we are a debt-free company. We have also undertaken forward integration with a lignite-based thermal power plant along with wind and solar power installations.

GMDC now wants to invite interested Vendors for setting up a Lignite Beneficiation Plant at GMDC's 'Mata No Madh' Lignite Project at Kutch, Gujarat, India.

EOI for inviting interested Vendors for setting up Lignite Beneficiation Plant	
EOI Document Downloading start date	19/04/2022 at 11:00 hrs IST
Pre EOI submission Meeting	29/04/2022 at 12:00 hrs IST
EOI submission due date	11/05/2022 at 17:00 hrs IST
Date of opening EOI	13/05/2022 at 11:00 hrs IST

SCOPE OF WORK

A key role of the Vendor shall be selection of efficient, cost-effective and state-of-the-art technology, judiciously considered to fetch higher yield of desired quality, commissioning of plants and thereafter Operation & Maintenance for a period of five years.

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'It is not easy for the world to punish Putin for war crimes'

GIRISH LINGANNA

American President Joe Biden has given a name to Putin's unrelenting war against Ukraine: 'genocide'. He has also called Putin a 'war criminal'. Moscow has said it is 'unacceptable' for Biden to use the word to describe its actions in Ukraine.

Russia has not stopped at that. "We categorically disagree and consider any attempt to distort the situation in this way unacceptable. This is hardly acceptable from a president of the United States, a country that has committed well-known crimes in recent times," was the reaction from Dmitry Peskov, the Russian diplomat and the press secretary for Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Putin has turned his back on the US and the rest of the West by continuing to invade and destroy Ukraine after 50 days. A series of economic and other kinds of sanctions against Russia has not shaken him. Biden's frustration has probably made him brand the war as 'genocide'.

Is the ongoing war fit to be termed as genocide?

Can war crimes taking place in Ukraine warrant a declaration of genocide? Opinions differ, and there is currently no consensus because the issue has yet to be fully debated at international forums. On April 12, Biden told reporters in Iowa, "I call it genocide because it has become clearer and clearer that Putin is just trying to wipe out the idea of being able to be Ukrainian and the evidence is mounting."

However, he also said, "We will let the lawyers decide internationally whether or not it qualifies, but it sure seems that way to me."

Now the question is what is genocide?

What crimes, according to the United Nations, are fit to get the tag of 'genocide'? The UN website says the word 'genocide' was first coined by Polish lawyer Raphael Lemkin in 1944 in his book 'Axis Rule in Occupied Europe'.

'Genos', in Greek, means 'race' or 'tribe', and 'cide', in Latin means 'killing'.

Lemkin developed the term partly in response to the Nazi policies of systematic murder of Jewish people during the holocaust, but also in response to previous instances in history of targeted actions aimed at the destruction of particular groups of people.

The UN recognised genocide as a crime under international law in 1946. It was codified as an independent crime in the 1948 Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, which is usually referred to as the Genocide Convention. The convention was ratified by 149 states. Genocide is a crime prohibited under international law. Any violation invites legal punishment, including imprisonment of 10 to 30 years, the UN says.

As per the Genocide Convention, any of the following five acts, if committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethical, racial, or religious group, constitute a crime against the group: causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; intentionally inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction, in whole or in part; imposing measures to prevent births within the group and forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

At present, it is tough to establish that Russian soldiers intentionally killed Ukrainian civilians. The onus of proving that the killings were part of an intentional effort to wipe out the Ukrainian people rests with the Ukrainians, not the US or any other country that is cut up with Russia. If Ukrainians have documented the crime incidents that can support the argument that it is genocide, then it would serve as evidence. No independent agency has so far termed the war as genocide.

But the narratives change when photographs and videos showcasing the gruesome killing of people surface on media platforms.

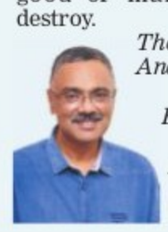
It may be difficult to come to the conclusion at this juncture that the criminal acts of Russia can be dubbed as genocide. But it is more than obvious that inhuman and unpardonable crimes are taking place in Ukraine. The International Criminal Court, located in The Hague, Netherlands, has begun an investigation into war crimes against humanity in Ukraine. It may be pointless because Russia is not a member of the ICC and therefore cannot testify before the Court.

It may be true that Russian soldiers intentionally target civilians and kill them too, after brutalising them. But to prove the same in a court of law, there should be evidence to prove it was 'intentional'.

The whole world is a witness to the variety of crimes, be they genocide or otherwise, sponsored by Putin and taking place in Ukraine. Russia is the 'gas station for Europe'. As long as its oil reserves and gas sector keep sending consignments to European countries, Moscow's energy level will continue to be higher.

All said and done, the US is not morally superior to Russia because it has the dubious distinction of waging war and creating civil unrest in many countries, including Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan. The Iraq Body Count Project documented in 2005 that 7,299 civilians were documented to have been killed, primarily by the US air and ground forces.

Whether it is the US, Russia, or China, one should not forget that the use of force should be for the good of mankind and not to destroy.



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"Traditions, rituals and culture of Hindutva must be practised actively. This will protect our religion," opined Raghu Sakleshpur, convener of state Bajrang Dal. He was speaking at the Hindu Samajotsava event hosted jointly by Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal at Kutta in Kodagu on Monday

Bommai hints at Cabinet revamp, top brass to meet

High command to hold special meeting, CM to visit Delhi later

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@ Bengaluru

A day after the Bharatiya Janata Party state executive committee meeting at Hosapete in Vijayanagara district, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday hinted at changes in his Cabinet.

The executive committee meeting was attended by BJP national president JP Nadda.

Speaking to the media, Bommai said a special meeting will be convened by top BJP leaders in Delhi thereafter which he is likely to visit the national capital.

Asked whether it will be an expansion or reshuffle, he said it will be decided in Delhi after a meeting with the high command.

Nadda, who was in Karnataka to attend the executive committee meeting, had addressed BJP workers on Sunday and had set a target of winning at least 150 seats in 2023 Assembly polls.

"Nadda ji has said that after going to Delhi, he will hold a special meeting regarding Karnataka and will inform, and asked me to come to Delhi thereafter," Bommai added. Bommai is expected to visit Delhi this weekend or early next week.

Bommai had met Nadda in Delhi earlier this month where he reportedly discussed changes in the Karnataka Cabinet. On Sunday too, Bommai and Nadda held one-to-one interaction.

CM Basavaraj Bommai arrives at Vidhana Soudha to chair the cabinet meeting on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Currently, of the 34 berths in Bommai's Cabinet, including the post of CM, five are vacant with the recent resignation of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister KS Eshwarappa. BJP sources said that with just a year left for the Assembly polls, the BJP needs "a stronger team to fight the elections and new ministers need time to work in their departments assigned to them."

On the recent violence in Hubballi, Bommai said that arrests have been made. "Investigation is on and the guilty will be punished," he added.

'Strong K'taka HM needed, should advertise in media'

VIJAYAPURA : BJP leader and Vijayapura City MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal took a dig at Home Minister Araga Jnanendra saying "the current law and order situation in Karnataka demands an able home minister." Speaking to reporters on Monday, Yatnal said, "An advertisement should be given in newspapers that the post of Home Minister of Karnataka is vacant. The current Home Minister seems to have a soft corner on the latest riots in the state." "Violence is breaking out in those places where the law and order situation is weak. There is a need for a strong Home Minister for the state," Yatnal said.
On the much-awaited Cabinet expansion, Yatnal said, "Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has said that he will fill the vacant berths at the earliest. It was also discussed in the recent executive committee meeting. Cabinet expansion is likely to happen in the last week of April."
When questioned whether the party high command will drop senior ministers from the Cabinet, Yatnal said he was not aware of any such decision.

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INDIRA CANTEENS TO BE MOVED TO REACH MORE PEOPLE

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IN order to ensure that more people benefit from Indira Canteens, the State government has decided to conduct a survey on the locations of the canteens, and shift them from non-crowded places to crowded spots. The cabinet on Monday approved a study by the Urban Development Department.

Law Minister JC Madhuswamy told reporters that they have called for the study wherever there is a need to change the location of Indira Canteens. "There are canteens in non-crowded places which can be shifted to the nearest location where there is a bus stand or any other crowded place. We want this to reach and help people," he said.

The minister also said that at some places, Indira Canteen authorities sought help from the government, and therefore, want to ensure it reaches more people.

Stressing on the iron ore export policy in Karnataka, Madhuswamy said the government has decided to continue with the existing policy. In 2013, the Supreme Court had instructed not to export iron ore. In 2021 too, it was discussed and decided not to export iron ore as it could lead to scams, and give Karnataka a bad name. If iron needs to be exported, it can be done in the form of pellets, he added.

The Union government has also backed the State government's stand on export of iron ore. The case is coming up in the Supreme Court on Tuesday, and the court has sought the Karnataka government's stand in the form of an affidavit.

On the proposed elevated corridor in Koramangala, the State government has cancelled the tender of bidder Simplex Infrastructure, which was to construct the corridor near Sony World junction but did not start work. A new tender will be called, he added.

The Cabinet also decided to amend the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments (Amendment) Act. At present, there are many FIRs filed by depositors. "We are clubbing it under one case," he said.

OTHER APPROVALS

- Rs 136 crore for veterinary college in Puttur
- Rs 36.6 crore for construction of Railway overbridge between Harihar and Davanagere
- Rs 105 crore to fill lakes in Haveri district
- As a special case, late IPS officer KV Jagadish's wife to be given government job on compassionate grounds
- Janatha houses, which were stopped for various reasons, open for fresh applications
- Data centre policy
- Rs 25 crore to establish Textile Park

Govt clears investment proposals worth ₹11K cr

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@ Bengaluru

THE State High-Level Clearance Committee (SHLCC) chaired by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday cleared 10 projects with an estimated investment of Rs 11,495 crores and employment potential for 46,984 persons.

The projects cleared by the SHLCC include the JSW Renewable Energy (Vijaynagar) Ltd's "closed-loop pumped storage projects to generate 130 MW hydro power," worth Rs 679.51 crore at Vijayanagar in Ballari district, a Lithium-ion cell production facility by Nsure Reliable Power Solutions Private Ltd at a cost of Rs 1,050 crore at Rampura village in Kolar, Li-ion cells Modules and Pack by Exide Energy Solutions Ltd, Kolkata, at Defence and Aerospace Park in Bengaluru Rural with an investment of Rs 6,002 crore and a project worth Rs 530 crore by the Mumbai-based data centre provider Web Werks India Private Ltd.

The committee also cleared Tetrarch Developers Ltd, Bengaluru, "mutli-sector industrial park, aerospace, defence, data centres, electronics, hi-tech, logistics, housing and other social infrastructure activities" at Defence and Aerospace Park, Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural, with an investment of Rs 2,231 crore and with a potential to general employment to 45,000 people.

Also, JK Cements Works, Bagalkot, with an investment of Rs 242.89 crore, ACC Limited, Kalaburgi, with an investment of Rs 471 crore, Goodrich Aerospace Services Private Ltd's "aircraft seats, passenger restraint system, aircraft evacuation system" with an investment of Rs 280 crore and CV Projects Private Ltd's infrastructure for IT SEZ with an investment of Rs 9 crore were cleared by the committee.

Addressing the officials at the meeting, Bommai said sub-contract and contract periods should not be extended beyond limits. He instructed drafting of clear rules for the purpose. "There are many industries that have not utilised the lands allocated to them 10-20 years ago. We are facing a situation where we are not being able to allocate it to other industries," Bommai said.

NCP to take out padayatra

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HE alleged that the Narendra Modi government is not taking effective steps to check communal unrest in the country, despite several leaders, including him, petitioning the government to take a serious note of the grim situation. "We had never heard of communal unrest during Ram Navami and Hanuma Jayanti celebrations in the past," he said, referring to Delhi riots. He said that law and order is not a state subject in Delhi and Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal could not have controlled the riots. "The Centre should not tolerate such incidents." On the alleged plans of the Centre to ban Popular Front of India, Pawar said he is not against such action if any organisation is involved in creating social unrest.

New state NCP chief Hari R will lead a 511 km padayatra in north Karnataka which will culminate in Belagavi. Pawar will address a mega rally of over 50,000 people there in May or June.

"After getting the feedback, a similar rally will be organised in South Karnataka. A decision will be taken on fielding candidates, including from Bengaluru," Pawar said.

It is not the first time that NCP has forayed into Karnataka. It had contested from 14 Assembly seats, mostly in northern Karnataka and also Mahalakshmi Layout in Bengaluru, in the 2018 Assembly polls.

Asked about KPCC president DK Shivakumar calling on him, Pawar said it was just a courtesy call.

Hubballi violence: 15 more arrested

ARUNKUMAR HURALIMATH
@ Hubballi

THE Hubballi police on Monday arrested 15 more people in connection with the stone pelting reported at Old Hubballi police station on Saturday night. The police have so far arrested 103 people and all the accused have been remanded in judicial custody for 14 days.

Karnataka State Reserve Police platoons and police forces from neighbouring districts have been deployed to maintain law and order in city. A day after the violence in the Old Hubballi area, the city remained calm on Monday, but prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC will continue till April 20.

Meanwhile, the family members of the accused visited the court and demanded the release of their kin. They also alleged that the police had arrested innocent youths. The court also sent Abhishek Hiremath to judicial custody till April 30. The violence broke out after Hiremath's derogatory post on social media. His advocate Sanjeev Badaskar said that they have filed bail plea and the court will be hearing it on Tuesday. "We will also seek court permission to allow Abhishek to write his exams," he said. On Monday, a Congress delegation visited the Old Hubballi police station and the hospital where the injured police are being treated. MLA Prasad Abbayya, MLC Saleem Ahmed, former minister A M Hindasgeri and others visited the violence hit area and the hospital.

The police have so far arrested 103 people in connection with the Hubballi violence | DHEMANTH

Cops prevented DJ Halli-like incident: Araga

SHIVAMOGGA: Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said here on Monday that all communities should exercise restraint to maintain peace in society. "The Hubballi violence was pre-planned, but the police acted swiftly and managed to prevent further deterioration of the situation. They brought it under control within an hour, or else Old Hubballi would have witnessed incidents like in KG Halli and DJ Halli two years ago," Jnanendra said. "People of all communities should live in harmony. Leaders and good people of all religions should think of teaching a lesson to evil forces," he advised.

AAP leaders Bhaskar Rao and Prithvi Reddy in Bengaluru on Monday

AAP promises 60% seats to farmers ahead of Kejriwal's visit

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DELHI Chief Minister and AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal will visit Bengaluru on April 21 ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections in Karnataka, announced AAP Karnataka convenor Prithvi Reddy on Monday. "Not just Kodihalli Chandrashekar faction of Raitha Sangha, members from different factions are joining AAP," Reddy said, adding that the farmers community will be offered 60 per cent of the seats since they constitute a major proportion of the population.

"Chandrashekar might take a call on joining the party and there might also be some surprises as some popular leaders from across the State are likely to join the party," he remarked adding that it will be both farmers and 'Aam Aadmi' convention of about 30,000 people.

"Farmers of Karnataka have voted and given mandate to all three traditional parties, but the parties proved themselves untrustworthy. Cheated by this corrupt traditional politics, farmers have decided to enter active politics," he added.

Siddaramaiah attacks BJP govt, plays emotional card in Vokkaliga belt

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mandya

HAVING seen a total washout of the Congress during the last assembly elections, with the JDS claiming the Vokkaliga heartland, former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah pulled out the emotional card in Mandya on Monday, pleading with voters not to repeat the mistake. Bring back the Congress and farmers will see better days, he said.

Siddaramaiah, leading the protest against the price rise and 40 per cent commission charge against the BJP government at Silver Jubilee Park, wanted to know why the Congress was rejected in all seven constituencies. "Is it for giving pro-poor and pro-farmers programmes?" he asked, and appealed to people to elect the Congress and put an end to injustice to Dalits and backward communities.

Terming the BJP government corrupt, Siddaramaiah alleged that even rmutts were not spared from the "percentage culture", and have to shell out 30 per cent funds to get grants. He was referring to Dingaleshwara Swamiji's charges against the government.

CLP leader Siddaramaiah beats drums during a protest in Mandya

Accusing former minister KS Eshwarappa of being responsible for the death of contractor Santosh Patil, he said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai was shielding Eshwarappa, and demanded his arrest. Siddaramaiah did not spare Prime Minister Narendra Modi either, claiming that the "chowkidar" had failed to act on the letter by contractors, alleging 40 per cent commission.

He lashed out at the Modi government for the rising prices of essential commodities, unemployment, increase in debts for the common man. He claimed that the violence in Hubballi was instigated by the BJP to divert people from its administration failures.

He also hit out at the JDS for launching the Janata Jaladare Yatra instead of fighting corruption.

He also hit out at CM Basavaraj Bommai for threatening to "expose the shady deals of the Congress before the people." He questioned why Bommai was silent for the last three years of the BJP rule and why was the BJP silent when it was in the opposition for five years from 2013.

BJP govt made ₹200 cr in SI test scam: Cong

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THE Congress kept up its onslaught on the BJP government in Karnataka, accusing it of corruption in the appointment of sub-inspectors.

Congress General Secretary Randeep Surjewala on Monday tweeted that the police appointments scam is to the tune of Rs 200 crore. "Bommai Govt should be renamed as "Scam Govt"! A BJP leader & a minister connection is the common link in every scam," he tweeted. "Future of over 70,000 youth candidates in the Police Sub Inspector exam openly sold to 'paper mafia'." He also alleged that the home minister had had "breakfast" at the home of the accused.

KPCC Working President Eshwar Khandre said, "There is no point going after 'small fry'. There are allegations about big names, both officers and politicians being involved in this... The government needs to form a special investigation team under the supervision of a High Court judge. I suspect Divya Hagaragi may not be the kingpin, but others are involved."

Congress leader Priyank Kharge said, "When the issue was raised in the House on multiple occassions, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra gave wishy-washy answers. Action should be taken against those resorting to facilitate malpractice in SI appointment..."

'Santosh gave us sub-contracts to finish road works'

ENS@ Belagavi

THE case of civil contractor **Santosh Patil's** suicide took a new turn on Monday when a team of contractors from Belagavi claimed that they had taken up road development works at Hindalga Gram Panchayat limits on the instructions of Patil and panchayat president Nagesh Mannolkar.

The disclosure implies that Patil had assigned the development of 108 roads to several other road contractors. The number of such contractors involved in taking up "piece" works is not clear, but Raju Jadhav, one of the contractors, said the works were assigned to at least 10-12 of them. The contractors met former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi at his residence in Gokak on Monday before speaking to the media.

Jadhav and other contractors said they took up the works only after being assured of payments by Patil and Mannolkar.

"The two said they had the work orders," Jadhav added. Mannolkar and Patil were pushing these sub-contractors to complete the works before the start of Laxmi Jathra at Hindalga which was being celebrated after 100 years.

Asked if they had been paid, Jadhav said they have not received any payments so far. "We have invested our money into the road works and Patil was supposed to clear the bills. We are not aware of how much money was invested or availed as loan by Patil for the project. He may have been under pressure to clear our dues and that was why he may have claimed he owed huge amounts," he added.

Jadhav said he was not aware whether 40 per cent commission was being demanded from Patil.

Industrialist hits out at Eshwarappa

Industrialist Alam Pasha on Monday hit out at former RDPR Minister KS Eshwarappa over the recent suicide of Belagavi-based civil contractor Santosh Patil. He said that Eshwarappa resigned three days after the suicide and used this time to tamper with evidence. "Although Santosh committed suicide on April 12, why did the Udupi police register an FIR only on April 13?" he asked.

Govt giving 10% discount to mutts, quips MB Patil

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LASHING out at the government, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee Campaign Committee chairman and MLA MB Patil said, "The government proudly claims that they have sanctioned grants for the development of mutts, but on the other side they demand 30 per cent commission for every project from mutts."

Addressing the media at Chikkodi, he said, "The only difference between contractors and mutts is that the government is giving a 10 per cent discount to the mutts, while contractors have to pay a 40 per cent commission. The pontiff is not levelling false allegations against the government. The corruption is at its peak in the state."

The Karnataka government has decided to procure additional 1.14 lakh metric tonnes of ragi under the Minimum Support Price scheme, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said. He said, already 2.1 lakh tonnes of ragi has been procured on farmers' demand in some districts

Murders have 'terror stamp', says minister

Tension as RSS, PFI activists killed in Palakkad; TN police deployed at border

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@ Palakkad

THE Kerala government on Monday acknowledged that the twin murders in Palakkad had a "terror stamp" on them, and in a rare move deployed police personnel from neighbouring Tamil Nadu in the border district to beef up security there.

"The killings had the stamp of terror strikes. They were preplanned and hence it was difficult to prevent them. There are instances where even military camps in the country were attacked by terrorists," said **Electricity Minister K Krishnankutty** after an all-party meeting at the collectorate on Moday.

The immediate goal of the government is to ensure peace and remove the fear in the minds of the public. Police will be instructed to proactively intervene to prevent recurrence of such incidents. There needs to be a movement of the people against such mindless violence, the minister said.

Meanwhile, highly-placed sources said about 500 personnel from the Tamil Nadu Special Police (TSP) have already been deployed on the ground in Palakkad to help the state police.

Both RSS and the Popular Front of India (PFI), whose activists were killed in the district in a span of 24 hours, have a strong presence in Tamil Nadu, and the TSP personnel can help in identifying the oufits' cadres from that state if they enter Palakkad.

Earlier, BJP walked out of the all-party meeting terming it as "farce". The party state general secretary C Krishnakumar told reporters that three of their activists were killed in the district during the last six months.

HC allows govt to implement Slaughter Act

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MODIFYING the interim order passed in January 2021, the Karnataka High Court on Monday permitted the state government to implement the provisions of Section 5 of the Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Act, 2020 and the Rules framed thereunder with regard to transportation of cattle.

The court passed the order permitting the state government to take action for breach of Section 5 and Rules thereunder. However, the court said that it is subject to final decision of the court on a batch of petitions challenging the validity of the Act.

IN THE HC

A division bench of Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice SR Krishna Kumar modified the order after hearing the Advocate General (AG) Prabhuling K Navadagi and a counsel of the petitioners, with regard to a batch of petitions against the Act.

On January 20, 2021, the court had passed the interim order clarifying that no coercive action should be initiated by the state government for the breach or violation of Section 5 of the Ordinance, till the Rules being framed as contemplated by the proviso to Section 5 of the Karnataka Prevention of Slaughter and Preservation of Cattle Ordinance, 2020 and are brought into force. According to Section 5, before the Rules were framed, a farmer who takes his cattle from one village to another village for his own work can be prosecuted and arrested, the petitioners pointed out. Now, state has come out with ways to deal with offences under the Section 5.

SUMMER SPELL

As temperatures rise by the day, a worker at Guindy Children's Park splashes water on emus in Chennai on Monday | EXPRESS

Company's production manager held

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MANGALURU Police Commissioner N Shashi Kumar said the cause of death will be known only after the postmortem reports are out. He said all the deceased were fasting as it is the Ramzan month. The factory has been shut, and the Bajpe police have filed a case under various sections of IPC and arrested the company's production manager Ruby Joseph, area manager Kubher Gade, supervisor Anwar and labour safety supervisor Farooq.

Big rejig as Karnataka transfers IAS officers

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THE Karnataka government announced a number of transfers within various state departments. Amlan Aditya Biswas, the regional commissioner for Belagavi, has concurrently been posted as Special Officer and Competent Authority, IMA, replacing Harsh Gupta.

Meanwhile Dr Srivatsa Krishna has been posted as the Principal Secretary for DPAR, replacing Munish Moudgil. Munish Moudgil has been posted as the Commissioner for Survey Settlement and Land Records.

Dr G Kalpana, formerly Additional Chief Secretary to the Government for the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR) Janaspandana, has been posted as the Additional Chief Secretary to Government for the Labour Department.

Shivayogi C Kalasad will be posted as Secretary for Agriculture Department. BMTC Managing Director, Anbu Kumar, has been transferred to the same post for Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC). Dr N V Prasad, Kalaburagi regional commissioner, is posted as secretary for Transport Department.

Sathyavathi G will be taking charge as BMTC managing director, she will also be holding concurrent charge of Secretary for Karnataka Public Service Commission. Dr Reju M T will take the post of Secretary for Department of Women and Child Development and Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens. Deepa M will take charge of the Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Department and Finance Corporation (KUIDFC) as managing director. Pallavi Akurathi will head Sarva Shikshana Abhiyana as state project director.

Dr Rakesh Kumar K will serve as the Social Welfare Department Commissioner, replacing Dayananda K. Ravindra P N will serve as Special Commissioner (Projects) for BBMP.

Chandrashekhar Nayaka L has been transferred as the Joint Secretary for the Finance Department (Budget and Resources) to deputy commissioner for Raichur district.

Vijaymahantesh B Danammanavar will serve as Vijayapura Deputy Commissioner, replacing Pommala Sunil Kumar.

Not our leader: BJP

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SHE is also a member of the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (Disha Committee), which was formed to ensure better coordination among elected representatives in Parliament, state legislatures and local governments.

But after Rajesh's arrest, BJP denied that Divya was a leader of their party. A press note released by BJP state unit Media Convener Karunakar Khasle on Monday stated that Divya was not a BJP leader and the government has already entrusted the investigation to CID, which will conduct an impartial inquiry.

How the probe started

After the investigation was entrusted to CID, it arrested Veeresh, son of a head constable attached to Sedam police station in Kalaburagi district. He was one of the candidates who appeared for PSI Recruitment Test. Though he had answered only 21 multiple-choice questions, he secured 100 marks. He was taken to Bengaluru for interrogation.

EXPRESS READ

TRS leader's son held on charges of rape

HYDERABAD : The son of a TRS ward councillor in Kodad town of Suryapet district, Telanagana and his friend allegedly abducted and repeatedly raped a 20-year-old woman. The victim, who lives in Kodad with her mother, was allegedly kidnapped by Councillor Pasha's son Mohammed Ghouse and his friend Sairam Reddy. The police have apprehended Pasha and Sairam Reddy.

4 arrested for cheating crypto investors of Rs 40 cr

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CCB sleuths arrested four people for cheating thousands of investors of over Rs 40 crore by promising them high returns through the cryptocurrency trade. The police are yet to arrest the kingpins.

The arrested have been identified as Sheethal Basthawad from Belagavi, Imran Riyaz, a cab driver and a resident of Gurappanapalya, Zabiullah Khan, a scrap dealer, and Rehmathullah Khan, a mechanic, both residents of BTM Layout.

The founders, who had launched the Sharehash mobile app, are still at large. They contacted Basthawad through social media and appointed him as company secretary. He hired the three others.

Rs 15 crore found in various bank accounts, 1.65 kg of gold jewellery, Rs 78 lakh cash, 44 digital signature certificates, and other articles have been recovered.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my clients Mr. Dheeraj Veerappa Chavadi and Mrs. Ashwini Dheeraj Chavadi are intends to purchase the immovable property described in the schedule hereunder from is owners Mr.Aravind Salampuria & his family for a lawful and valid consideration any person/bank/society/firm/company/institutions or any other body, having any legally enforceable claims, right, title, interest, ownership on the below mentioned schedule property may lodge their objections, claims in writing with the supporting documents with the under mentioned Advocates within **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of the issuance of this public Notice, after which period our clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Industrial converted immovable property bearing Sy No. 11 (Sy No.11/1, 11/2, 11/3, 11/4) to an extent of 79 guntas (1 Acres 39 Guntas) situated at Sonnanayakanapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, and including all rights, privileges and appurtenances, there to duly converted for Industrial use vide orders No. ALN(A &K)SR.155/2013-14, ALN(A&K)SR.156/2013-14, ALN(A&K)SR.157/2013-14, dated: 13-12-2013 from the concerned authority the said property is more fully described on the Schedule Written above and boundaries are as follows: -

Boundaries:- EAST BY : Road, **WEST BY :** Land belonging to Munimarappa, and Son's in Sy.No.15, **NORTH BY** : Land belonging to Yellappa & Dyapannavara, **SOUTH BY :** Arthumukulam Developers Pvt Ltd.

Contact Address: **M.Yadav Murthy**, Advocate, **N. Murugesh,** Advocate, No.1, 1st Floor, Krishnappa Building, Near Yallamma Temple, Anekal Town, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, Contact No:- 9035550204 / 9845656685 9177003938 / 9989313177

IN THE COURT OF THE VI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU O.S. NO. 2335/2022 (CCH-11)

BETWEEN: MASTER ANIKETH RAO .K.A & another Represented by their mother & Natural Guardian Smt. Sandhya Rao ... **Plaintiffs**

AND: Corporation of City of Bengaluru & 4 others ... **Defendants**

SUMMONS OF DEFENDANTS UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 [1A] OF CPC TO 1 TO 5

1] Corporation of City of Bengaluru, Registrar of Births and Deaths 1st Floor, BBMP Commercial Complex, Subhashnagar. Majestic, Behind Upparpete Police Station, Bengaluru 560 009. Represented by his Commissioner / Registering Authority. **2] BBMP Office,** Ward No.53, 48, 2nd Cross Road, Siddappa Layout Devasandra Extension, Krishnarajapura Bengaluru, Karnataka 560036. Represented by the BBMP Officer. **3] S.E.A. Primary and Higher Secondary School,** Ekta Nagar, Near A. Krishnappa Circle, Ayyappanagar, Devasandra Main Road Virgo Nagar Post, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru - 560049. Represented by its Principal **4] Government of Karnataka,** Represented by its Principal Secretary Education Department Vidhana Soudha, Ambedkar Veedhi Bengaluru - 560 001. **5] The Director,** Karnataka Secondary Education Board, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560 003. ... **Defendants**

Whereas, the Plaintiffs above named filed a suit in O.S. No. 2335/2022 seeking a direction to the Defendants to enter the Plaintiffs father's name as Raghavendra Rao .G.Y in place of deceased biological father Sri Anantha Padmanabha Rao in their birth certificate, Aadhaar card, School records and other relevant records as sought for. The said matter is called upon to appear on **06.06.2022** at 11.00 A.M. either personally or through your counsel. Take notice of the same, failing to which the suit will be disposed off ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on 08-04-2022.

By order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiffs: **Sawan .B.V** No.9, Anmol, 3rd "C" Cross, Katriguppe Main Road, Bengaluru 560085.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public at large are hereby notified that my client **Sri. P. ANKAMMA CHOUDARY,** Aged about 58 Years, W/o. Sri. P. Veeraiah, Residing at No.245, 6th Cross Road, 6th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 072, has lost the original allotment Vide its' letter No.BDA/ADM/N.B./II/W/323/1987-88 on Dated : 09-12-1987 issued by Bengaluru Development Authority in favour of Sri. H.K. Nagendra in respect of below mentioned Schedule Property. Any person tracing the said documents/ in possession of the document is requested to handover to the same to the undersigned. The public are also cautioned that the above said document shall not be used to deal in any manner whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Properties and if any such action is done, the same shall not be binding on my client. A police complaint also has been lodged with regard to the loss of the said document.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **Property bearing BDA Site No.323, situated at 6th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, measuring East to West : 40 Feet and North to South : 20 Feet** and bounded on :-

East by : Road, West by : Site No.372, North by : Site No.322, South by : Site No.324.

Within 7 days please inform to the above said address

Mohankumar K.T. Advocate No.1051, 20th Main, 53rd Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-10. Mob No. 9845172742

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intends to purchase below referred SCHEDULE PROPERTY from its Owner namely **S. CHANDRU,** S/o Shivanna, aged about 51 years, R/of No. 1215, BEML 3rd Stage, Rajajeshwarinagar, Bangalore-560 098. The owner represents that he is the absolute owners having right, title and interest with respect of Schedule Property and the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances, liens, charges, minor Claims etc.,

The General public are hereby informed that any person/s having any objection with respect the purchase of the Schedule Property, from the above said person may raise their objection before the under signed with supporting documentary evidence / proof, **within 15 days** from the date of this publication of this notice. In the event no such legally tenable claim is received, our clients shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property as if no such claims exist or that they have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Sy. No. 71, totally measuring 15 acres 39 guntas, including 24 guntas of Kharab, situated at Dodderi Village, Thavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on **East by:** Land in Sy. No. 77 and Gomala and Private Property, **West by:** Land carved out of Survey No. 66 and land belonging to late Bollaiah's Family, **North by:** PWD Road, **South by:** Property carved out of Sy. No 72.

Sd/- **M.R. SUNIL KUMAR,** Advocate **Sunil Setty & Co.** Advocate & consultants No. 82, First Floor, 2nd Main, 7th Cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore – 560018. Mbl: 9980697743

DOCUMENT LOST

I, **Lakshmikanth,** residing at No. 24, 18th Main, 15th Cross, 2nd Phase, JP Nagar, Bangalore-560 078 do hereby inform to the general public that on 17-04-2022, while I went to take photo copy of original documents of BDA, I have lost Possession Certificate issued by BDA, vide Doc. No. P.R. No. 611/76-77. Inspite of best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regard on 17-04-2022, I had lodged online compliant at Police Unit, Bengaluru City, Vide Lost Report No. 0203482/2022. If any body finds the above said document or is in possession, please hand over the same to the above said address or contact me on 9916917960.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, on behalf of my client **Mr.K.Ramesh** S/o Late.Krishnappa, residing at E-14, New Yellamma Temple, Hommadevana halli, Bangalore, has lost the sale deed dated 21-10-1999 Document No. BNG(U)-BLR-(S)5095-1999-2000, registered before the Sub-registrar, Bangalore South, Bangalore, in respect of site No.31, Khatha No.73/1-3, situated at Hommadevanahalli, Begur Hobli, Bangalore south taluk, while shifting house. He has lodged a police complaint, but could not trace out the same in spite of his best efforts.

If any person/s having any claim, right, title or interest in respect of the above sale deed, may intimate the same in writing with supported documents to the undersigned ***within seven days*** from this notice. Failing which my client believing that there are no claims or objections whatsoever, will proceed without original document and use certified copy of the same to enforce for all future transactions.

Sd/-

A.V.Sathyanarayanaurthy, ***Advocate,*** No.25/2, Flat No.201, SIRI JAYA ENCLAVE, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560 061 Date:19.04.2022 Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. A.C. Esther Lilly, W/o. S. Anandraj entered into a Sale Agreement to purchase the below mentioned property from its present owners Sri M.C. Ramanjaneya, S/o. Chikkamuniyappa, Smt. V. Radhamma, W/o. M.C. Ramanjaneya, Sri Vijaya Kumar @ Byrappa, S/o. Chikkamuniyappa and Smt. Ramadevi, W/o. Vijayakumar @ Byrappa. Any one having any sort of claims or objections relating to the schedule property or proposed sale may lodge the same with the undersigned within 7 days of this publication, with supporting documents, failing which, the sale transaction shall be completed without reference to such right, title, interest and claim.

PROPERTY SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immoveable property being 12 guntas of land formed out of Sy. No. 77/8, situated at Maralakunte Grama, Jala-3 Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore North District, bounded on the: East by: Doddamariappa & Byrappa's land, West by: Venkataramanappa's land, North by: Chikkamuniyappa's land, South by: Karagamma's land.

B. Prakash, Advocate No.27, 2nd Cross, Pottery Town, Bangalore-560 046 Mob: 9449244735

PUBLIC NOTICE

Be it known to all the general public to whom so ever it may be applicable that my client **Smt. SRIVIDHYA MANOHARAN,** W/o. Sri. Sathishkarthi. Resident of No.77/72 E, Raja Street Padi, Ambattur, Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu-600 050 (Mob.7259634799) is intends to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder from **Smt. KUSUM GIRI,** W/o. Sri.Rukam Pal Giri, Residing at HN-1/C, 1st Cross, 3rd Main, Hamanth Nagar, Marathahalli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore – 560 087.

Any person having or claiming any right or interest in the schedule property shall put their objections in writing with me within **7 days** from this day failing which it shall be treated that no one has got any objections in the matter and my client will be proceeding and completing the purchase transaction of the schedule property without any further notice.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property Site bearing No.68, out of Property No.121/1, Katha No.13/121/1, measuring East to West 51 feet and North to South 40 feet, situated at Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore Eas Taluk Bangalore-87 and bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by** : Private Property, **North by** : Road and **South by :** Site No.67.

C. E. SHANKAR, Advocate, Near Sub-Registrar Office, Muthsandra Road, Varthur, Bangalore – 560087.

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E-mail: ubin0803928@unionbankofindia.bank

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India, N R Road Branch** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **05.10.2021** calling upon the Borrower **(1) M/s Rudrani Infra, Co-Obligant-1 : Mrs. Shilpa Surapaneni** W/o Srichandu, **Co-Obligant-2: Mrs. Sailaja Kudarvalli** W/o Mr.Rajendra Prasad to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice of **Rs. 3,55,53,707.70 (Rupees Three Crore Fifty Five Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Seven and Paisa Seventy only)** and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the Public in General that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **18th day of April 2022.**

The Borrower in particular and the Public in General is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India N R Road Branch,** for an amount **Rs. 3,55,53,707.70 (Rupees Three Crore Fifty Five Lakh Fifty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Seven and Paisa Seventy only) as on 27.09.2021** and interest and charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

This Possession notice is being issued cancelling/ superseding the earlier Possession Notice dated: **27.01.2022** issued in the matter.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSET/S:

All that piece and parcel of the property belonging to **Shilpa Surapaneni** bearing Site Khata No. 603/74/2/01, measuring East to West: 95+105/2 feet, North to South : 155+150/2 in total measuring 15250 sft (0-14 guntas) situated at Sy.No. 74/2, Chikkasanne Village, Anneshwara Grama Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District (Sy.No. 74/2 measuring to an extent of 1 acre 16 guntas has been duly converted for non-agricultural residential purpose issued by Deputy Commissioner vide No. DIS/ALN/D.SR.30/2009-10 dated 15.07.2010) Boundaries: East by : Railway Road, West by : Remaining Property of S Vidyasagar in same Sy.No. 74/2 of Chikkasanne Village, North by : Land of Sy.No. 76 of Chikkasanne Village, South by : Remaining Property in Sy.No. 74/2 belonging to M/S. Leo Projects Pvt Ltd.

Date: 18.04.2022 Place: Bangalore

Authorised Officer Union Bank of India

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Government Of India Undertaking)

RAH M G Road Branch, No.18, 3rd Floor, Ramanashree Arcade, MG Road, Bengaluru-560001

APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8 (1)

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, RAH M G Road Branch,** No.18, 3rd Floor, Ramanashree Arcade, M G Road, Bengaluru-560001. Under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **27.10.2021** calling upon the Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors **1) Mr. Shiva Kumara N** S/o Ningegowda, 1088, 10th Main Road, RPC Layout, Bengaluru-560040. **2) Mrs. Shantha Mariamma** W/o Mr. Shiva Kumar N, 1088, 10th Main Road, RPC Layout, Bengaluru-560040. To repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.50,40,214.99** Paisa (Rupees Fifty Lakh Forty Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen and Ninety Nine Paisa Only) as on **27.10.2021** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. Together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **18th April 2022.**

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank for an amount **Rs.50,40,214.99** Paisa (Rupees Fifty Lakh Forty Thousand Two Hundred Fourteen and Ninety Nine Paisa Only) as on **27.10.2021** Together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Description of the Immovable Property: Name of the Title Holder: Shiva Kumara N: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing BDA site no.1/B, New Municipal No.1/B-28, within the limits of BBMP, Ward No. 39, Chandra Layout, having PID No.39-58-1/B-28, Situated at 80 feet Road, Maruthi Nagar, Nagarabhavi Layout, 4th Block, 1st Phase, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 12 meters and north to south 9 meters, totally measuring 108 square meters and bounded by:- North: BDA Site No. 1/A, South: BDA Property, East: BDA Property, West: Road

Date : 18.04.2022 Place :Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorized Officer Canara Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Government Of India Undertaking)

South End Road Branch, No.96, South End Road, Bengaluru-560004

POSSESSION NOTICE [See Rule 8(1) of SARFAESI RULES]

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank, South End Road Branch, No.96, South End Road, Bengaluru-560004,** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 has issued a Demand Notices calling upon the Borrowers/ Mortgagors/Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned In the notice within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank,** for an amount interest and Other Charges mentioned below.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors : (1) Mr.Suresh Ambrose Y, No.194, Church Street, 6th Cross, Ashwath Nagar, Thanisandra Main Road, Bengaluru-560071 **(2) Mrs. Beaulah Kantha Ruby,** No.194, Church Street, 6th Cross, Ashwath Nagar, Thanisandra Main Road, Bengaluru-560071.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 18,47,890.80 Paise (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety and Eighty Paise Only) as on **22.12.2021** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Demand Notice Dated : 22.12.2021 **Possession Notice Date: 13.04.2022**

Description of the Immovable Properties : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing # 46, Khatha No.4579/2684/46, New PID No.006-W0463-6, Situated at 6th cross Appayanna Layout, Thanisandra Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru totally measuring 1216 Sqft , along with the building constructed thereon and bounded by: East by: Site No 51, West by: Road, North by: Site No 45, South by: Site No 47.

2. Name and Address of the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors : (1) Mr. Jaleel Khan, No.4, 3rd Main, 2nd Cross, Sarbandepalya, Subramanyapura Main Road, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560082, **(2) Mr. Amjath Khan,** No.4, 3rd Main, 2nd Cross, Sarbandepalya, Subramanyapura Main Road, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560082.

Total amount mentioned in the notice : Rs. 19,66,352/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Two Only) as on **05/01/2022** Together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Demand Notice Dated : 11.01.2022 **Possession Notice Date: 13.04.2022**

Description of the Immovable Properties : All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.4, House List No 4, PID No. 56-180-4 situated at Sarbandepalya within jurisdiction of Old Ward No. 56, New BBMP Ward No.180, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 20 feet, totally measuring to an extent of 800 sqft, together with a building thereon and bounded on: East : Road, West : House belongs to Muniyappa, North: House belongs to Muniramaiah, South: Property belongs to Siddappa.

Date : 13.04.2022 Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorized Officer Canara Bank

SBI STATE BANK OF INDIA

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POSSESSION NOTICE [RULE - 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

A/c No.: HL-40108474596

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the State Bank of India under the Securitization and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 ("Rules") issued a demand notice dated 07/01/2022 calling upon the borrowers **Sri. Mr. HIMANSHU GUPTA S/o Mr. VIRENDER GUPTA,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.49,59,963/- (Rs. Forty Nine Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Three only)** within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice and interest and other charges thereon.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the **BORROWER** and the **PUBLIC IN GENERAL,** that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under **Section 13(4)** of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **18th APRIL of the year 2022.**

The **BORROWER** in particular and the **PUBLIC IN GENERAL** is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **STATE BANK OF INDIA** for an amount of **Rs.49,59,963/- (Rs. Forty Nine Lakh Fifty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Three only)** as on **07/11/2021 and interest and other charges** thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable Property
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Part - I

(Please mention all the hypothecated properties, viz. Current Asserts including Stocks, Book Debts, Receivables, Consumable Stores & Spares and Hypothecated Movable Plant & Machinery, etc. mentioned in the Documents) (Scheduled 'B')

-NIL-

Part – II

(Please state the particulars of the immovable property mortgaged to the Bank as stated in the Documents having reference to the mortgage documents/deeds) (Schedule 'B').

All that piece and parcel of Flat No 283, on 2nd Floor **"DS MAX SAROVAR"** Measuring a SBA of 995 SqFt along with one car parking space along with UDS of 322 SqFt in property Bearing Sy No 25, Situated at Athibele village, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562107

Bounded by

East: **Sy No 24,** West: **Sy No 26,** North: **Road and Sy No 23,** South: **Road and remaining portion Sy No 25/1**

Sd/-
Authorized Officer & Chief Manager.

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EDITORIAL

"The true wealth of a nation consists not in the stored-up gold but in the intellectual and physical strength of its people" — C V Raman

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— Ramnath Goenka

CONGRESS TAKES BABY STEPS TOWARDS TRANSPARENCY

The Congress's shrinking electoral base along with the exodus of prominent leaders and sharp criticism from within by senior partymen seems to have finally nudged the leadership to address one of the main issues that has been agitating members for long. The Congress leadership has yielded to the demand of holding the organisational elections in a manner that has some semblance of transparency.

There are reports that the Congress is planning to hold an online election for the members of the electoral college that elects its president as well as the members of the Congress Working Committee—the party's highest decision-making body. A fair and transparent election for all central and state posts has been a long pending demand of Congressmen from across the country. It was also one of the key demands of the senior Congress dissenters who have come to be known as G-23, or the group of 23 dissident leaders. But the party did not pay much heed to the demand and brushed it aside by attributing motives to those raising it. The party's dismal performance in five state elections held recently, however, made Congress president Sonia Gandhi, look inwards. In an uncharacteristic speech to party members of Parliament during the just-concluded session, she called upon partymen to bury their differences, unite and strengthen the Congress. She has met the dissidents separately and promised to meet their demands and do whatever is required on her part not only to keep the party united but to also revive its electoral fortunes. This is how a transparent organisational election has been set into motion. It has been decided that every member who enrols 50 new people will be qualified to contest for the post of AICC member or a PCC delegate. PCC delegates elect the national Congress president and the AICC members elect members of the CWC.

The online elections bring some transparency in the party's election process. This is just the beginning. The Congress has miles to go before it elects a president who is the choice of party rank and file.

EASING ENVIRONMENT NORMS SANS TALKS

A spate of changes proposed by the Centre to ease environment norms has once again raised posers if it is pushing forward large development projects without adequately weighing the ecological costs against benefits and seeking the much necessary public consultation. Over the last week, the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has come up with a slew of notifications and office memorandum that environmental experts worry about. One of the draft notifications seeks to extend environmental clearance (EC) for existing and new hydro power, nuclear and mining projects. For hydro projects, the EC will be valid for 13 years whereas for nuclear projects, it is extended to 15 years. Similarly for mining projects, the government has proposed to extend the EC to 50 years. The MoEFCC cites long gestation periods, geological surprises, land acquisition, forest clearance as well as rehabilitation and resettlement as issues that have driven the decision to extend the EC window. In another such notification, the government wants to do away with public hearing for project expansion up to 40% of the existing capacity. Then there is one where projects in bordering areas would be exempted from EC requirement given the strategic nature of linear infrastructure.

The breakneck pace at which these norms are being relaxed has set the alarm bells ringing. Specialists sense that easing of norms to streamline procedures may come at the cost of critical biodiversity and ecological equilibrium. Doing away with public hearing for mining, roads, built-up areas and ports could compromise the long-term fate of the displaced population without giving them a chance to voice their opinions. Exempting highways from EC in ecologically sensitive areas may cause irreparable changes despite the safeguards. More importantly, many of these proposals require wider public consultation to understand the entire gamut of issues—environmental, economic and social. With the highly-debated draft Environmental Impact Assessment 2020 notification challenged in court, activists accuse the Centre of pushing new norms to go around the bottlenecks. The MoEFCC must not evade uncomfortable questions but rather engage with the stakeholders to bring much-needed clarity.

With rising costs of fuel and commodities, the government would need to place a cap and/ or provide subsidies for the MSME sector to cushion it from global inflation

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT A MUST FOR POOR & MSME

SOUMYADIP SINHA

TULSI JAYAKUMAR
Executive Director, Centre for Family Business & Entrepreneurship at Bhavan's SPJIMR

Retail Inflation in India has remained continuously above 6%—the Reserve Bank of India's psychological upper limit, now three months in a row. The latest data points to a consumer price index of 6.95%—a steep rise compared to the 6.01% and 6.07% witnessed in the first two months of the calendar year. Such aggregate data in itself is worrisome; it however fails to capture some of the more intricate aspects of the iniquitous impact of inflation on the poor, vulnerable sections of the society, besides the large, informal sector.

Take the case of the rural-urban divide in inflation rates. While the retail inflation in urban India is at 6.12%, the same for the rural is at a higher rate of 7.66%. Food, which comprises the major spending component for a majority of the population, is experiencing a price rise with an overall inflation rate of 7.47%. However, again, the rural Indian seems to be bearing the brunt of the inflation, with food prices rising at 7.83% against a 6.92% urban rise. Within food, paradoxically, rural India has to pay dearly for the vegetables it produces, as evidenced by an inflation rate of 10.57%, while for oils, it pays more than urban India. In fact, every item of the consumption basket (except the miscellaneous services category), costs more for rural than for urban India. The rural poor need to be protected against such inflationary surges, especially in those commodities that constitute their essential consumption, as argued in one of my previous columns titled *Managing the trade-off between growth and inflation*.

The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) constitute another such vulnerable segment. In a recent study in March 2022, we sought to look at the impact of inflation on this vulnerable segment. We found that more than 70% of the 170 enterprises surveyed experienced inflation in excess of 13%—the wholesale price inflation index for February 2022—with many enterprises stating inflation of even 50% and above. Granular inequities existed between the service and the manufacturing sectors, with more than 90% of manufacturing enterprises reporting average cost increases of 24%. On the other hand, more than 75% of the service enterprises experienced average operating cost increases of about 14.4%. However, surprisingly, the medium sized enterprises—the larger among the MSMEs—reported higher inflationary impact, compared to the smaller enterprises.

Most SMEs are unable to make sense of the 'new normal' inflation they find themselves face to face with. The pricing strategies that most favour are cost-plus ones. It is little wonder then that faced with cost increases, most SMEs, as our survey found, cite price hike as the most favoured strategy to pass on the higher costs to the consumers. Whether these enterprises possess the kind of pricing power that would justify such a strategy remains a moot question. Most SMEs, especially those that are in the business-to-business (B2B) segments, can't think of anything beyond pricing as a means of competitive advantage. SMEs will need to be educated on soft and hard skills, including branding, marketing, PR, finance, etc., so that they can create as well as capture value.

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This would require interventions by advocacy and interest groups.

Our survey also indicates the challenges for policymakers, who dream of making the manufacturing sector in India strong and resilient. A manufacturing-led growth strategy would need to keep the 6.33 crore MSMEs at the centre, especially the relatively more-efficient medium sized enterprises. In March 2020, the government announced its ambitious Production Linked Incentive scheme that sought to incentivise companies on incremental sales from products manufactured in domestic units. The aim was to boost domestic manufacturing and cut-down India's import bills in the process. The scheme seeks to provide incentives to high-growth sectors with huge dependence on imports in their value chain, and relatively lower domestic base. About 50% of the 350 enterprises that have received approvals so far under the scheme are from the SME sector—mainly in the mobile, telecom and pharma industries. However, with global inflation being high, it remains to be seen how far such manufacturing enterprises will be able to generate sufficient incremental sales year-on-year for the next five years under the inflationary environment, so as to qualify for the sops and incentives. With fuel and energy prices, and that of commodities driving up prices, the government would need to think of placing a price cap and/ or provide subsidies on the energy and fuel consumed by the MSME sector, and also certain crucial raw materials. Such a cushion against global inflation would be necessary to help the MSMEs generate continued incremental sales.

The recent statement from the RBI indicates a gradual move towards tightening monetary policy. While such a stance may be necessitated at a general economy level, it is not yet time to unwind the monetary stimuli measures aimed at the MSME sector. The RBI may need to continue with providing greater access to credit to the SME sector, in order to take care of their financing needs. The government, on its part, may partner with and incentivise large enterprises, so that SMEs get access to the required hard and soft skills and expertise to help in capacity and capability-building. An inflationary environment will need an inflated/ additional attempt on the part of the government to protect the vulnerable income groups and small enterprises.

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EARLY INDIC VISIONS OF HISTORY – II

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Against the entrenched colonial bias that early Indians did not write history, this series seeks to understand Indic visions and methods of recollecting their past in their own right. The series does so in two ways: (a) by surveying the range of evidence available of early Indian societies displaying a distinct regard for timekeeping and for preserving and chronicling events for posterity, and (b) by questioning the Positivist Eurocentric basis on which the modern discipline of history has come to exclude traditional Indic modes of narrating the past.

In the previous column, we discussed Indic concepts of time that reflected an idea of history spanning anthropic specificity/ precision on the one hand and cosmic vastness/ unreckonability on the other. These were infused with ethics and cultural memory to boot. Of these, the exponentially widening notion of time denoted by *yugas* is best articulated in a corpus of texts known as *puranas*, literally 'ancient narratives on the past'. Eighteen pan-Indic *mahapuranas* have come down to us such as the *Vishnu Purana*, *Shiva Purana*, and *Shrimad Bhagavata Purana*, which were composed between the 3rd and 9th century CE; and many more subsidiary ones, *upapuranas*, like *Kalika Purana* and *Vishnudharmottara Purana*; and still other local or *sthalapuranas*, including the *Nilamata Purana* and *Devanga Purana*.

The *puranas* are essentially sectarian, encyclopaedic texts in Sanskrit that claim to cover five themes, *panchalakshana* (though they actually contain much more material): *sarga* (creation), *pratisarga* (re-creation), *manvantara* (epochal intervals), *vamsha* (genealogy) and *vamshanucarita* (biographies). So it will be clear that apart from cosmology and theology, *puranas* also document vital information on ruling families as well as great sages, and their entire lineages and life-histories, many of these being historical.

Thus these *vamshavalis* are an invaluable record of the political history of early India including important dynasties such as the Barhadrathas, Haryankas, Shaishunagas, Nandas, Mauryas (founders of the first empire in Indian history), Shungas, Kanvas, Satavahanas and so on down till the Gupta kings. The *puranas* are also of course a treasure trove of geographical and cultural history of the entire country.

A companion genre to *purana* is *itihasa*—literally 'thus it was', thereby attesting an explicit engagement with the past. Tradition defines itihasa as: *dharmarthakamamokshanam upadeshasamanvitam/ kathayuktam puravrittam itihasam prachakshate*. 'Tales of the past, rendered in a narrative style, containing instruction in the four goals of life—piety, power, pleasure and liberation—is known as history'.

This offers one of the earliest explicit definitions of history, which shows that a literary and socio-ethical pedagogy may have been at the heart of the Indic vision of the discipline.

Specifically, however, *itihasa* refers to the Sanskrit Epics, *Mahabharata* of Vyasa (400 BCE-400 CE) and *Ramayana* of Valmiki (500 BCE-500 CE) that record in detailed, continuous narrative form the stories surrounding important events in the lives of kings and kingdoms of early historic India, such as the Kuru-Panchalas of Hastinapura and Ikshavakus of Ayodhya, along with a host of other allied dynasties said to be ruling over a large part of the subcontinent.

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However, the presence of myths in the Epics has, among other reasons, led historians to deny them the status of history, thereby defying the tradition's self-understanding. Or they have only grudgingly accorded them the defensive epithet of 'embedded history' for aspects of the past incidentally captured in them. But it needs to be remembered that both Epics deal centrally with issues of royal succession and war, thereby reflecting on important processes of state formation in early India vis a vis real polities. And again, piercing through all the mythology and indeed facilitated by it, at the heart of both Epics are meta-historical questions of ethics (*dharma*) and socio-political legitimacy, which merge with the divinity of the two central protagonists, Shri Krishna and Shri Rama.

Traces, however, of a society self-consciously recording and preserving for posterity the names and feats of significant individuals go still further back to the Vedas themselves, the most ancient literature of India dated (entirely conservatively) to 1500 BCE. Categories of Vedic verses titled *Danastuti* ('praise of charity'), *Narashamsi* ('praise of men') and *Gatha* ('stories') provide accounts of meritorious or heroic individuals and their social altruism.

In a sense, the same impulse is seen in mature and expanded form a millennium later in the poetic genre of *charita*, which are biographies chronicling, eulogising and also at times critiquing the lives of important personages, mostly kings and seers. Among the earliest *charitas* we get are the life stories of Gautama Buddha, like Ashvaghosha's *Buddhacharita* (2nd century), and of King Ashoka Maurya, namely the *Ashokavadana* (6th century) that was composed in Sri Lanka.

Thereafter we see a spate of political biographies composed by court poets in regional kingdoms across the subcontinent, such as Bana's *Harshacharita* (7th century, Sthanishvara/ Kanauj), Bilhana's *Vikramankadevacharita* (11th century, Karnataka), Atula's *Mushikavamsha* (11th century, Kerala), Sandhyakara Nandin's *Ramapalacharita* (11th century, Bengal), Jayanaka's *Prithvirajavijaya* (12th century, Rajasthan) and Hemachandra's *Kumarapalacharita* (12th century, Gujarat).

Among regional histories, the one name that towers above the rest comes from Kashmir, Kalhana's *Rajatarangini* (12th century), to which we will devote the concluding part of this series. There are two reasons for this emphasis: (a) this text is generally (and mistakenly) understood to represent the only specimen of true history in all of Sanskrit literature and (b) it provides an opportunity to illustrate traditional Indic modes of history, such as rhetoric, myth and didacticism, in high relief.

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Pak and Lankan issues

This is with reference to *The Challenges that a post-Imran Pakistan faces* (April 18). Both Sri Lanka and Pakistan are poised for an economic collapse. In the former, the economy has almost collapsed and the issue is creating a refugee influx into India. There is no security threat for India from Lanka but in the case of her hostile northern neighbour, Pakistan, the scenario is different. To tide over the economic crisis, Pakistan might have to improve its relations with the US while to please its domestic audience, Islamabad will keep on creating problems for India.
Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Diversionary tactics

The pattern of communal violence that is erupting across the country shows a well-hatched plan to disrupt social harmony by fringe elements with ulterior motives. (*More communal flashpoints*, April 18). Deliberate attempts to create unrest are being made to deflect attention from the real issues of unemployment, rising prices of commodities, amongst others, and instead manipulate the unrest to reap political benefits. There must be an all-out effort by leaders of political parties and religious outfits to find an amicable denouement to this sordid drama. The political agenda to malign a minority community and willy-nilly, push it into submission would be detrimental for the country in the long run.
Biju C Mathew, Thiruvananthapuram

Straining the social fabric

During the past two weeks, on the occasion of Rama Navami and Hanuman Jayanti, the country witnessed a lot of communal clashes in many states. This not only disturbs the harmony but also causes a rift among the otherwise peace loving people. There are a few perpetrators who are fomenting hatred and shredding the fabric of unity of this country. The respective governments in states have to deal with such elements sternly irrespective of caste and community and send a strong message that intolerance against any community will not be tolerated.
Ram Saran Singh, Bengaluru

Failing its duty

Inflation is rising steadily but the government is keeping a studied silence and the people are made to suffer financial hardships. Why is the government looking the other way without taking any concrete steps to lessen the burden on the people and give relief instead of just constantly talking about welfare measures? In a welfare state, the government is duty-bound to look after the vulnerable sections.
V Padmanabhan, Bengaluru

Vishwa's death, a big loss

This is with reference to *Budding TN table tennis player, Vishwa, dies in road accident* (April 18). The incident was indeed a shocker for the sports fraternity. Cruel fate has taken away the young talent as a truck rammed into the car in which the young lad was heading for a tournament in Shillong. TN missed a great talent through this indigestible accident and the game lost an illustrious son from the state.
A P Thiruvadi, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Kiren Rijiju @KirenRijiju
India is fully committed to democratic principles and the world peace. India value our deep rooted relationship with UK & its wonderful people

Sanjay Singh AAP @SanjayAzadSln
The Modi govt shamelessly tried to save its minister and his son, but the hon'ble Supreme Court has given a strong blow by cancelling Ashish Mishra's bail

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
It is the responsibility of all of us to stand till the end in the fight for justice of the Lakhimpur victims' families, no matter how long the struggle is

'MEDIA IS NOT HERE MERELY TO REPORT THAT TODAY IS MONDAY'

Journalists should do what is right for country; getting relief from courts has become matter of chance, it is no longer matter of conviction or interpretation of law

ARUN Shourie, the legendary editor, former minister and author speaks on his new book, *The Commissioner For Lost Causes*, on the paper's iconic founder-proprietor Ramnath Goenka, and of politics and journalism in the turbulent 1970s-80s. Excerpts from an interview with **Santwana Bhattacharya**:

You've named your book *The Commissioner For Lost Causes*. That's the title Ramnath Goenka (RNG) ascribed to you, of course in jest. The first example of the lost cause you mention in the book—the 1979 undertrials report—was not really a lost cause, was it? Thousands detained unfairly in inhuman conditions were released.

He knew that very well. It was RNG's way of complimenting. He would tell me: "I'll put a board outside your door, saying Commissioner of Lost Causes" (laughs). That was his way of showing support for what we were doing. The fact is, in the undertrials case, we were told by the judge (Justice P N Bhagwati) that because of his decision and the work that was done (by the *Express*), 40,000 undertrials were released from jails. And RNG in an interview later claimed 80,000 were released! He was really happy with what we had managed to achieve.

What brought you to that story?

There was a very famous police officer at that time—K F Rustomji. He was the first Director General of BSF, and had a great contribution in organising the Mukti Bahini. He became a member of the National Police Commission for police reforms, and would go on tours and write notes for other members of the commission. He used to send me copies in cyclostyled sheets—one of them described his jail visits. Quite shocking accounts. That's what gave us the idea that our correspondents should visit jails, and find out the conditions of those incarcerated not because they had been convicted, but simply because their cases had not come up for hearing for years and years.

And in the most inhuman conditions...

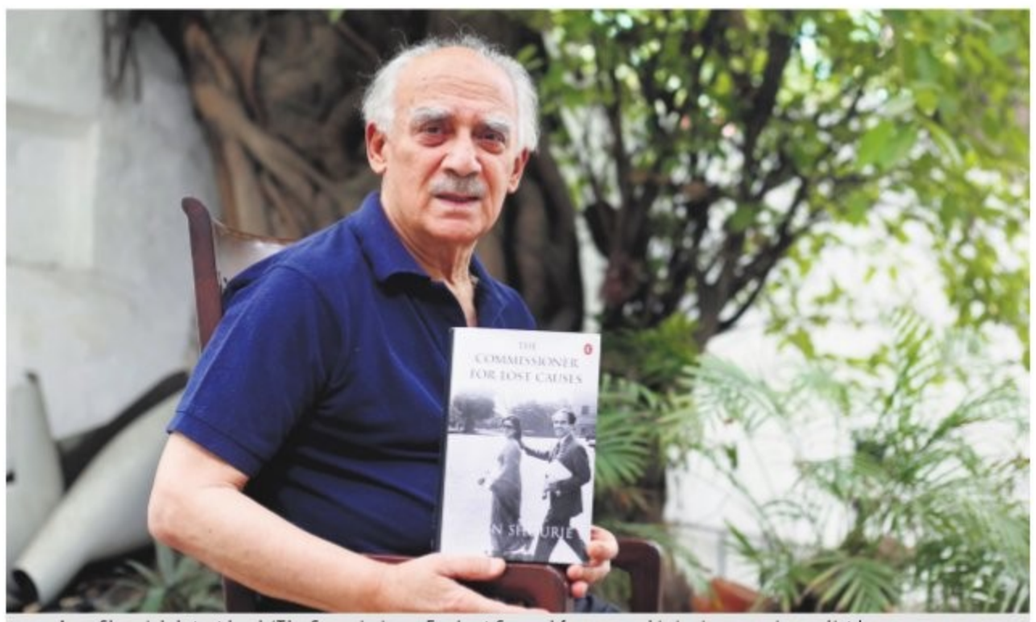
Yes. And it is continuing. Look what the government is doing in the Elgar Parishad case. The courts are not taking up those cases. Even to get a straw, one has to go to the court.

Sometimes it seems even the colonial masters treated political prisoners better than our subsequent governments...

Absolutely, they need medical certification to get bail. It's quite inhuman.

You write that RNG always told you "judiciary *abhi baki hai*"—that is, the judicial recourse is left as a safety net, the fallback option in all the fights you took up. Is it still there?

Like all other institutions, the judiciary's standards have also come down. It has happened in Parliament, in the civil service, in state governments, with the character of people in public life in general. There's no exception. Those days, a fighter like RNG could have this faith that, in the end, there's always the judiciary—that I can go to them and they would extend relief. That's what happened during the Emergency. You know, they would withhold your paper—for instance, they would not clear the Bombay edition (of the *Express*) for printing till 9-10 am! By which time the paper would be useless.



Arun Shourie's latest book 'The Commissioner For Lost Causes' focuses on his innings as a journalist | SHEKHAR YADAV

And what did you do?

Ramnathji went to court. I remember Soli Sorabjee and H M Seervai argued the case. The judge told the government: "I will arrest your minister unless he clears it". That kind of spirit was there even during the Emergency. Today, whether you get relief or not is a matter of chance. It's no longer a matter of conviction or interpretation of the law. Many other factors come into play.

You worked very closely with JP. You were in fact penning his public statements. In the book, it becomes apparent you were emotionally and ideologically invested in what was happening. Was that not an intervention, was the media not going beyond the news?

I do not understand this discomfort (about media intervention). It's an excuse for not doing your duty. Is your duty only to say: 'Oh, there are two dogs on the street'? No. You have to shoo them away if they cause disturbance. When I was with JP, I was not in the newspaper. Even if I were, what is wrong? A newspaper is an instrument, a platform to do right. To do what you think is right for the country. We are not here to entertain people. We are not here merely to report that today is the 21st or 22nd. Monday or Wednesday. No. We are here to bring facts about issues that are of concern, issues that are important for our country, to print facts, to bring them to the attention of the people, to provide them with a pair of spectacles. You have to see if a line is being crossed, whether you're doing politics with the paper. I felt the Mandal Commission was ruinous for the country, and I wrote about it. Showed the flaws in the report. Will that be cast as an act of intervening in politics? I was informing the reader about what I thought was important for the country. So I don't agree with this business of (being seen as wrong for) having a political intent.

You mean to say you are right to have intervened as a public intellectual?

I had a job and I did it. Everything is a platform—a newspaper, a ministry (while in the Vajpayee Government), a book.

A word on the famous Rajiv Gandhi episode. Your last-minute intervention may have saved the then prime minister from being sacked by President Giani Zail Singh?

No, my involvement was peripheral. Gianiji's relations with Rajiv had deteriorated. You see, he was withholding information from the President: on the Indira assassination, on the anti-Sikh riots, other issues of national import. One day, I got a call from RNG. When I reached the *Express* guesthouse, (former *Express* chief editor, S.) Mulgaonkar was there. RNG told me about a draft that had been sent via Vijayaraje Scindia to the President on how to dismiss Rajiv! I went to the President right away (in RNG's car) and managed to explain to him that such a move may not be constitutionally correct, and could boomerang politically. My task was to convince Gianiji that the letter sent to him should not be acted upon. In any case, Gianiji just wanted to scare not strike to hurt, that was his style.

How would you describe RNG's journalistic ethos in one phrase?

The sheer concern for public affairs. RNG would do everything to run his paper in pursuit of that.

You have evolved to be a critic of the present regime. Would your views have been different if you had joined it...there was strong speculation in 2014?

I would not have survived 15 minutes in this setup. I continue to have good, normal relations with Narendra Modi though.

Among all the personalities you have you've come across, who influenced you most?

Gandhiji. My teacher had said, "*Chaar anne ka Gandhi bano*"...be one-fourth of Gandhi. Ramnathji and Vajpayeeji gave me platforms to work on. And when I have nothing, I write books.

MUSLIM BODY MOVES SC AGAINST BULLDOZER DRIVES

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

A Muslim organisation has moved the Supreme Court against some state governments bulldozing the properties of persons accused in criminal cases.

The plea assumes significance in the backdrop of Madhya Pradesh government deploying bulldozers to raze down "illegal" properties of alleged rioters in the aftermath of communal clashes during the Ram Navami processions on April 10.

Jamiat Ulama-I-Hind has sought a direction to the Centre and state governments that residential accommodations or any commercial property can't be demolished as a punitive measure.

Stating that there has been a rise in the demolition of properties by state governments as a punitive measure, the Jamiat said the action hindered the normal legal process.

"The legal process, including the pre-trial and trial stage, is hindered by these acts of the state, therefore, immediate action is needed to prevent such incidents from repeating. The states wherein such measures are being employed by the administrative authorities have been carrying them out with impunity as they are being supported by the top leadership in the said states. Hence, this court must step in to stop the situation from escalating any further and also prevent such acts from being repeated in other states as well."

The plea has sought directions to restrain ministers, legislators and anybody not connected with criminal investigation from apportioning responsibility regarding criminal action publicly or through any official communication.

The Jamiat has also prayed that police personnel be provided specialised training in handling communal riots.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO GUJARAT

Modi arrives on 3-day tour, to lay foundation of WHO centre

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Monday arrived on a three-day visit to Gujarat. The PM was received at Ahmedabad airport by Governor Acharya Devvrat and Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. From the airport the PM directly went to the command and control centre of the education department in Gandhinagar.

The facility collects over 500 crore data sets annually and analyse them using big data analytics, artificial intelligence and machine learning to enhance the learning outcome. The command centre will also track daily attendance of teachers and students. The command centre has been deemed a global best practice by the World Bank, which has invited other countries to learn from it.

Upon his visit, the PM renamed the centre in Gujarati as 'Vidya Samiksha Kendra'.

Modi interacted with students and teachers from Banaskantha, Kutch and Tapi. Expressing concern over schools giving less importance to physical activities, Modi said sports is no longer an extra-curricular activity but part of the curriculum. WHO chief Dr Tedros Ghebreyesus will join the PM on Tuesday for laying the foundation stone of the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine.

Mauritius PM lands in Rajkot, hailed with *Jai Shri Ram* chants

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi/ Ahmedabad

MAURITIUS Prime Minister **Pravind Kumar Jugnauth** is on a week-long visit to India at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The island nation is strategically located in the Indian Ocean and has a large India-origin population.

After landing in Gujarat's Rajkot, Jugnauth and his wife were welcomed with a guard of honour. Events showcasing Indian culture were held during the 2-km-long roadshow. Jugnauth was also greeted with *Jai Shri Ram* slogans by people gathered to welcome him.

"India and Mauritius enjoy uniquely close ties, bound by shared history, culture and heritage. The ongoing visit will further strengthen the vibrant bilateral ties," said a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs.

Jugnauth will take part in the foundation stone ceremony of the WHO-Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in Jamnagar on April 19 and the Global Ayush Investment and Innovation Summit in Gandhinagar on April 20, along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Air India cancels Hong Kong flights till Apr 24

NEW DELHI: Air India has cancelled flights to Hong Kong till April 24. The move comes after three passengers on one of its flights reportedly tested positive for Covid-19 upon arrival in the Chinese territory on Saturday.

"Due to restrictions imposed by the Hong Kong authorities and limited demand on the sector, our flights to Hong Kong and back on April 19 and 23 stand cancelled," Air India said in a post on Twitter.

Three passengers on Air India's AI316 Delhi-Kolkata-Hong Kong flight on April 16 tested positive for Covid-19 post arrival, an airline official further said. *ENS*

90% jump in daily Covid infections in the country

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

AFTER a steady decline in new Covid cases for the past several weeks, India's daily infections witnessed a 90 per cent jump on Monday as 16 states reported a slight increase in numbers in the last 24 hours.

As many as 2,183 new Covid cases have been recorded over the past 24 hours, an 89.8 per cent jump from Sunday's case count of 1,150 cases.

While Delhi, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra and Mizoram continued to report a spike in Covid cases, the states that reported a slight uptick are Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Odisha, as per the Union health ministry data. Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and Manipur also saw a minor rise in Covid cases.

According to the health ministry data, 214 deaths have been recorded over the past 24 hours. Of the total deaths, 213 deaths were reported from Kerala — a backlog of 62 deaths cleared following court appeals plus 150 deaths between April 13 and April 16. It reported a single death on April 17.

The daily positivity rate, which indicates the spread of the infection, has also increased from 0.31 per cent on Sunday to 0.83 percent.

However, the number of active cases has seen a slight dip from 11,558 to 11,542.

Dr Ambarish Dutta, additional professor, Indian Institute of Public Health, Bhubaneswar-Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), said 16 states showed an uptick in Covid numbers. Still, six states, which the Union health ministry has already sounded out, are seeing a continuous spike.

OPPOSITION STATEMENT

Nadda attacks 'dusted' parties over communal clash concern

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

IN his blistering counter to a joint Opposition appeal expressing concern over communal violence in parts of the country, BJP chief JP Nadda on Monday dismissed these parties as "dusted, rusted, dejected and rejected because of vote-bank politics."

Leaders of 13 Opposition parties on Saturday pointed at the recent incidents of hate speech and communal violence in the country. "We are shocked at the silence of the Prime Minister, who has failed to speak against the words and actions of those who propagate bigotry and those who, by their words and actions, incite and provoke our society," said a joint statement of opposition leaders.

The leaders included Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, NCP's Sharad Pawar, West Bengal CMMamata Banerjee, and her Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand counterparts M K Stalin and Hemant Soren.

In an open letter, Nadda said the opposition's "divisive politics" had failed to work. He referred to PM Modi's *sabka saath, sabka vikas* slogan and accused the Opposition of resisting the thrust to development politics.

Amway's assets worth ₹758 cr attached by ED

CHENNAI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached ₹757.77 crore worth of assets, including ₹345.94 crore in 36 bank accounts, of Amway India Enterprises Private Limited on the charge of a running a pyramid fraud in the guise of direct selling and multilevel marketing network.

The attached properties include land and factory building of the company in Dindigul district in Tamil Nadu, plant and machineries, vehicles, bank accounts and fixed deposits.

The company, in its reaction to the ED's allegations, said, "As the matter is sub judice we do not wish to comment further." *ENS*

Army bosses discuss situation along China border

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

TOP commanders of the Indian Army on Monday brainstormed the operational situation along the country's borders.

The army leadership will also discuss issues pertaining to intelligence, operational logistics, human resources and modernisation during the ongoing commanders' conference.

"It was the Military Operations day on Monday and the operational situation was discussed by the top brass." This included the deployment and the operational situation along the Line of Actual Control with China, the Line of Control and other areas," a source said.

India and China have been on a protracted standoff along the Line of Actual Control in Eastern Ladakh since May 2020. Although the situation has seen de-escalation, the deployment of personnel by both sides continues in Hot-Spring area, Depsang and Demchok.

Another issue the army is set to brainstorm is the implications of the protracted conflict between Russia and Ukraine on India's defence plans. Apart from Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, senior army commanders are expected to attend the conference.

The commanders are set to "review the operational situation along active borders, assess threats in the entire spectrum of conflict and undertake analysis of capability voids to further focus on capability development and operational preparedness plans".

The Army Commanders' Conference is an apex level biannual event which is held in April and October every year. Also, the conference is an institutional platform for making important policy decisions.

India braces for tricky BRICS meet

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

AFTER attending the BRICS Sherpas meeting virtually last week, India will attend the BRICS Summit, to be hosted by China virtually. It is likely to be held towards the end of June. The Summit will be attended by PM Narendra Modi, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping and the heads of state of Brazil and South Africa.

Although the India-China stand-off — over issues concerning the Line of Actual Control — remains a prickly matter, the Summit will be an important one diplomatically. Prior to it, India will also attend an in-person Quad Summit on May 24 in Tokyo. The Quad and BRICS are diametrically opposite groupings. In Quad, the US has positioned itself against China and wants to focus on Indo-Pacific. It has also managed support against Russia by the other members (Australia, Japan), barring India. India has maintained that it wants a peaceful resolution to the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

BRICS, on the other hand, has Russia and China at the centre stage. With sanctions imposed on Russia and China being continuously criticised by the US, India will have to make a tough call. The issue gets complicated further because India and China have not had a cordial relationship after the Galwan conflict.

CHINESE BOOKED FOR FRAUD

The Mumbai Police has registered 34 FIRs against 150 people, including 60 foreigners – including 40 Chinese – for violating laws of registration of new companies and for fraudulently becoming directors of Indian companies

8 NAXALS INVOLVED IN FEB 2 ARSON IN CHHATTISGARH ARRESTED

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	41	27	Mumbai	32	28
Bhopal	42	27	Panaji	31	28
Jaipur	41	28	Patna	42	26
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	43	28
Chennai	36	29	Port Blair	33	25
Kolkata	34	28	Imphal	29	17
Srinagar	24	09	Chandigarh	47	27

Many in race to be UP BJP chief

Caste may not be criteria as all major castes given representation in cabinet or hierarchy

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AFTER Uttar Pradesh BJP president Swatantra Dev Singh joined the Yogi Adityanath cabinet 2.0, the party is on the lookout for a new face to take up the mantle. Around half a dozen names are doing the rounds and a final decision is expected this month itself as the saffron party's bylaws favour 'one man one post'.

Sources said senior BJP leaders feel that since all major castes have been given representation in the cabinet or party organisation, it is not necessary to factor in caste in choosing the new UP BJP president.

The sources claimed that keeping all factors in mind, the new chief could be a pick from the organisation and the names of party vice-president Vijay Bahadur Pathak, UP BJP general secretaries Ashwini Tyagi and Amarpal Maurya are doing the rounds. From outside the organisation, MLC Vidya Sagar Sonkar, Basti MP Harish Dwivedi, Union ministers BL Varma and Bhanu Pratap Varma, and Kannauj MP Subrata Pathak are the probables.

Besides the state president post, many other slots also need to be filled as a number of leaders in the party hierarchy have joined the state cabinet. It is likely that a number of senior leaders, who failed to get a cabinet berth, will be given party positions.

The other positions lying vacant in the party will be filled after the state chief is appointed. Three vice president posts — occupied by Daya Shankar Singh, AK Sharma and JPS Rathore — need to be filled as the three have joined the cabinet.

In 2016, in a bid to woo non-Yadav OBCs to the party's fold, the BJP central leadership had appointed Keshav Prasad Maurya as state unit chief.

Maurya's appointment brought dividends to the party as it won the 2017 Assembly polls with a mammoth majority securing a record 325 seats.

Maurya was succeeded by Mahendra Nath Pandeym, a Brahmin. With CM Adityanath being a Thakur, the new Brahmin-Thakur combination helped the party win 64 out of 80 seats in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls in the state.

Pandey later joined the Modi cabinet and Swatantra Dev Singh, an OBC, was anointed state BJP chief. Singh was the state transport minister when he was entrusted with the responsibility of the party in the state. BJP fought the tough 2022 battle under Adityanath and Singh.

Several names doing the rounds, nothing concrete yet

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AIMIM urges SP stalwart Azam Khan to join party

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

TRYING to project itself as a potential option for Muslim voters in Uttar Pradesh, Asaduddin Owaisi-led All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) has extended an olive branch to Samajwadi Party stalwart Azam Khan.

The AIMIM's move comes amid Muslim leaders in the SP camp raising voices against the style of functioning of party chief Akhilesh Yadav. Three Mualim leaders have already quit SP citing "inaction" and "silence" of Akhilesh towards the imprisonment of Azam Khan, and the demolition of an SP MLA's petrol pump. Similarly, Khan's close aides accused Akhilesh of neglecting the Muslim community, which consolidated behind him in the recently-concluded Assembly polls like never before.

AIMIM spokesperson Mohammad Farhan has extended an invitation to Khan to join hands with Owaisi.

Farhan alleged that there were several instances of Akhilesh showing apathy towards Muslims.

More leave Bengal BJP in aftermath of bypoll setbacks

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

POOR show in the bypolls is having an impact on the West Bengal unit of BJP. In the last 24 hours, as many as 14 district-level functionaries have tendered their resignation. By and large, they have alleged that 'incompetent' leaders are getting more prominence, while the loyal faces are being ignored or sidelined.

On Sunday, two MLAs from Murshidabad district had stepped down. On Monday, state committee member from the same district, Bani Gangopadhyay said he is resigning.

The heat of discontent was felt most acutely in the district of Nadia, where 10 officials announced that they are stepping down. They wrote to BJP's state president Sukanta Majumdar, expressing their inability to continue as office-bearers of the party. They accused a section of the district leadership of favouritism.

The district head of BJP, however, said that he was not aware of this section of party workers having any misgivings. "None of these leaders informed me about their decision. Had they been unhappy with the functioning of the party leadership, they could have discussed the issue in the district committee," said BJP's Nadia president Arjun Biswas.

Nadia is a district where the saffron camp had bagged one seat in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. The district has a considerable chunk of voters from the Matua community, a Hindu religious sect of refugees from Bangladesh, which had extended support to BJP after being promised citizenship under the contentious Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA).

Anupam Hazra, who had lost in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections from the Jadavpur constituency in Kolkata, said the resignation of so many functionaries indicates there is discontent about the state and district leadership's style of functioning.

BJP's principal rival in West Bengal, the ruling Trinamool Congress, was understandably happy with the developments. "Bloodbath in the BJP has begun, which will keep continuing. The BJP functionaries have realised that their political force has no credibility and acceptance among the electorates," said party spokesperson Kunal Kanti Ghosh.

Not interfering in Kishor's work: Nitish

Patna: Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday said that he does not interfere into the political decisions of poll strategist Prashant Kishor, who met top Congress leaders in New Delhi recently. Nitish said that although he enjoys a good relationship with Kishor, he doesn't interfere with his personal decisions. "Where he goes, it's his decision," he said. Kishor had met Nitish during the latter's visit to New Delhi in February, stirring speculations that Nitish would be projected as a candidate of the opposition parties for the President's post. Nitish had put that to rest by saying that he had been given the responsibility to serve the state as its chief minister and that is what he would focus on. He added that he wants to 'deliver the desired results' for his state.

PUNJAB DEBT

Will recover people's money, tweets Mann

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

A month after the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government came to power in the state, Punjab Chief Minister **Bhagwant Mann** said an investigation will be carried out on the expenditures undertaken by the previous governments.

Punjab has a debt burden of ₹3 lakh crore and Mann blamed the previous governments for pushing the state to such a situation.

In a tweet, Mann said, "Previous governments have left a debt of ₹3 lakh crore. Where has this been used? We will investigate and make a recovery, because it is the people's money."

In the run-up to the elections, AAP leaders had accused the previous governments of pushing the state into a debt trap. Sources said the total debt is around ₹2.73 lakh crore, excluding the loans received in lieu of GST compensation. Between April 2021 and February this year, the Congress government had borrowed ₹19,393 crore, they claimed.

Congress, BJP spar a day before re-launch of pilgrimage scheme

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE ruling BJP and the opposition Congress were engaged in a war of words over the re-launch of the Mukya Mantri Teerth Darshan Yojana in Madhya Pradesh.

CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan had on Friday chaired a meeting where it was decided the scheme would be re-launched on the April 19. During the first journey, trains will leave with 974 elderly pilgrims from seven districts for Kashi.

On Monday, BJP MLA Rameshwar Sharma put up hoardings in Bhopal, praising the re-launch of the government's flagship pilgrimage scheme. Without naming Congress, the hoarding mentioned that those who got the scheme closed were also welcome to travel to Kashi for the inaugural leg of the scheme.

Medical education minister Vishvas Sarang also accused the erstwhile Kamal Nath government of dumping the scheme during its 15-month stint in power. "Under the Yojana, the Madhya Pradesh government is playing the role of Shravan Kumar for all the elderly people above 60 who were deprived of pilgrimage due to financial constraints," the minister said.

Soon, Congress spokesperson Narendra Saluja tweeted that during the Kamal Nath government's rule, more trains were run under the pilgrimage scheme than that in the five years of the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government. Saluja also posted several photos to bolster his claim.

"During the Kamal Nath government, many new pilgrimages were added to the list of existing pilgrimages under the scheme. The new pilgrimage included the shrines of Sikhs and the Ajmer Sharif," he said.

The Congress spokesperson accused the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government of dumping the scheme during the Covid pandemic.

SIMMERING TENSION

FIRST CASUALTY OF KHARGONE RIOT IDENTIFIED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE first causality of the April 10 communal violence was reported on Monday, after a family identified the body of a youth who was missing for a week.

Ibarish alias Saddam Khan's family reached Indore's MY Hospital, around 125 km from Khargone, to identify the body after being alerted by the police.

Ibarish, 28, was murdered in the Kapas Mandi area when he had gone out for evening prayers on April 10. His body was recovered on the intervening night of April 10-11. On the family's intervention, a missing person complaint was lodged on April 14, while a case of murder was registered around 12 hours later.

It not clear why the police took more than three days to lodge the murder case after recovering the body. A senior police official, presently camping in Khargone, told *TNIE* that the murder case was lodged on April 14, immediately after getting the final autopsy report, which established multiple injuries on head and neck inflicted by a sharp edged weapon.

The senior police official also added that the body was sent to Indore's MY Hospital later, as Khargone Hospital didn't have a deep freezer.

While the senior police official claimed it was a case of murder by rioters, Iqhlak, who brought the body to Khargone, alleged that his brother Ibarish was killed by police and locals. "My brother left home at 7.30 pm on April 10 to offer prayers but didn't return. He was killed by people from the other community and police brutally. He was last seen alive for sometime in police custody at the Khargone police station on April 11," Iqhlak alleged. "The cops were doing nothing to search for Ibarish."

The senior police official, however, denied the allegations saying the family were shown on multiple occasions, CCTV footage of various places and bodies, including two unidentified bodies recovered in Khargone district.

ROAD ACCIDENT TRIGGERS CLASH IN VADODARA, 22 HELD

DILP SINGH KHSHATRIYA @ New Delhi

THREE persons were injured after a minor road accident led to a communal clash in Vadodara in the early hours of Monday. Police said that rioters threw stones, vandalized a shrine and damaged vehicles. The police arrested 22 persons for rioting.

Vadodara H Division ACP Chirag Cordia told the media that the police are taking action. "A scuffle broke out between two groups after an accident in Raopura. A case has been registered at Raopura police station. Another case of rioting has been registered at Karelibagh police station. A total of 19 accused have been detained in the case filed at Karelibagh. Search for a few more accused is on. Three persons have been detained in the case registered in Raopura."

Sections of the Indian Penal Code for rioting, unlawful assembly, possessing deadly weapons, defiling places of worship with intent to insult the religion of any class have been invoked in the Karelibaug FIR against a group of named and unidentified accused. "Police patrols are on in all areas and State Reserve Police arrangements have been made. Three people were injured. They are being treated. CCTV footage of both areas has been checked. The other accused will be arrested soon," said Cordia. On Sunday night, a scuffle broke out near Raopura Tower after a collision of two motorcycles. It escalated into a brawl and there was tension in the air after a number of people gathered at the spot. There were allegations that a mob vandalised an idol of Sai Baba located at Kothi Pol and hurled stones at it. Senior police officials rushed to the spot after the incident was reported.

A brawl between the two communities took place after that. There were allegations that the mob stopped locals when they were doing video recordings of the incident.

Vehicles passing by were not spared either as several auto rickshaws and two-wheelers were damaged. Three persons were injured and shifted to hospital.

RPF jawan killed, another hurt in Kashmir attack

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

MILITANTS on Monday evening shot dead a Railway Protection Force (RPF) jawan and critically injured another outside a railway station in Pulwama in south Kashmir.

Over the past three weeks, militants have stepped up attacks on security forces and civilians in the Kashmir Valley. This was the ninth attack this month.

A police officer said the militants fired at Head Constable Surinder Singh and Sub Inspector Devraj near a tea stall outside the railway station at Kakapora in the evening.

Both the RPF personnel sustained multiple gunshot wounds and were evacuated to a nearby hospital, where Singh was declared brought dead. Doctors referred the critically injured RPF sub inspector to a Srinagar hospital for specialised treatment.

On getting input about the militant attack, police, CRPF and army personnel rushed to the area and launched a cordon and search operation to track down the militants involved in the attack for the attack. The combing and search operation was going on when the report last came in at 8 pm.

Meanwhile, police arrested a newly recruited Lashkar-e-Toiba militant was from Lawaypora area of Bandipora district, which happens to be among the hotspots of militant activities.

The arrested militant was identified as Amir Tariq khan alias Waleed, whose video of joining The Resistance Front (TRF), a shadow outfit of the Lashkar, had gone viral on April 13.

Maoists attack security camp, target road works

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE outlawed CPI (Maoist) on Monday carried out a series of attacks, including on on a camp of security forces, in different districts of the conflict zone of Bastar in Chhattisgarh.

The Maoist cadres first targeted a security base camp of the Chhattisgarh Armed Force (CAF) at Kutru in Bijapur district in which injuring four personnel were injured.

The Maoists even used Under Barrel Grenade Launcher (UBGL) fire but the forces repulsed the attack and forced the Maoists to flee into the nearby forest. Two of the injured jawans were referred to Raipur for immediate medical attention.

In another incident, the Maoists set ablaze heavy vehicles engaged in the road construction works along Mangnar-Satdhar route at Geedam in strife-torn Dantewada district.

Before fleeing from the spot, they warned the contractor and the villagers to keep away from the police and the administration for their own safety.

In a third incident, the Maoist hacked a villager to death suspecting him as a police informer in Sukma district, the police informed.

According to the Bastar police, the Maoists out of sheer frustration are carrying out sporadic incidents to register their presence and create an environment of terror.

With onset of summer the banned outfit usually carry out their annual Tactical Counter Offensive Campaign (TCOC), which continues till mid-June when its rebels aim to regain their military strength, infuse confidence among their cadres, carry out recruitment, inflict maximum casualties to mount pressure on the forces.

Rajgir wall: Efforts on to clinch UNESCO tag

The Bihar government has sent a proposal afresh to the ASI to include Cyclopean Wall, an over 2,500-years-old structure at Rajgir, in the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The Cyclopean Wall is a 40-km long wall built with a view to protecting the old city of Ragjir in Nalanda district from external enemies before 3rd century BC. Additional secretary-cum-director (archeology), Bihar's Art, Culture and Youth, Deepak Anand said that a fresh proposal has been sent on the request of the ASI with historical significance. It is believed that the Cyclopean Wall was built similar to 'Frontiers of Roman Empire' and was included in UNESCO World Heritage Sites list in 1987.

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PATNA DIARY

West Champaran DM bags PM's excellence award

Kundan Kumar, the incumbent district magistrate of West Champaran, has been selected for Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration, 2021 for the initiative 'Navpravartan Startup Zone Chanpatia' in the category of 'Innovation District.' Kumar, a 2012 batch Bihar cadre IAS officer, will receive the award from Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a function to be held in New Delhi on the Civil Services Day on April 21. Kumar is credited with turning Harnatand and Chautarva villages under Chanpatia block of West Champaran district into a startup hub during Covid19 induced nation wide lockdown in 2020. So far, 75 newly minted entrepreneurs ply their trade from this 'Startup zone, Chanpatia'.

Failed to find job, graduate opens tea stall

Priyanka Gupta, a resident of Purnea district in Bihar, has hogged the limelight for opening a tea stall near Patna Women's College in the state capital. A graduate from Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Priyanka opened the tea stall on April 11 this year after her repeated attempts to get a job proved futile. Priyanka, perhaps the first women tea stall owner in the city, has attractive punchlines written on her stall, such as 'Peena Hin Padega' and 'Soch Mat Chalu Kar De Bas'. She said that she got inspiration to open a tea stall from Prafull Billore, popularly known as 'MBA Chaiwala'. She thanked one of her batch mates for lending her `30,000 as loan to start her business.

10,000
army personnel have been deployed in flood-hit South Africa to help restore key services

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	28	10	SNY	Los Angeles	23	13	LC
Colombo	30	25	TDS	Melbourne	16	10	HR
Dhaka	34	26	TDS	Moscow	13	4	LC
Dubai	33	21	SNY	New York	12	6	LC
Houston	25	21	LC	Singapore	31	25	TDS
Istanbul	10	6	LR	Toronto	7	1	SN
London	17	8	LR	Washington	12	3	LC

Airstrikes hit western Ukraine, 7 killed

Fresh attack comes at a time when Russia is amassing troops in the east, 16 military targets hit

LVIV

AIR strikes killed at least seven people in Ukraine's western city of Lviv on Monday, as Russia pounded targets across the country and massed forces for an expected all-out assault in the east.

The air strikes in Lviv came just hours after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused Moscow of wanting to "destroy" the entire eastern region of Donbas bordering Russia. Russia's defence ministry said it had hit 16 military targets at various locations across Ukraine.

Following the attack on Lviv, black smoke billowed from the gutted roof of a car repair shop in the northwest of the city as air raid sirens wailed.

"Fires were set off as a result of the strikes. They are still being put out. The facilities were severely damaged," Lviv regional governor Maksym Kozytsky said on social media.

In the south, Russia continued its push to capture the besieged port city of Mariupol where the last remaining Ukranian forces prepared for a final stand.

Ukraine has pledged to fight on and defend the strategic city, defying a Russian ultimatum for remaining fighters inside the encircled Azovstal steel plant to lay down their arms and surrender.

Firefighters try to extinguish a blaze in a tyre shop in Lviv on Monday | AP

Russian state TV on Monday broadcast a video of what it described as "Britons" captured fighting for Ukraine and demanding that Prime Minister Boris Johnson negotiate their release.

The two haggard-looking men asked to be exchanged for Viktor Medvedchuk, a Ukrainian tycoon close to President Vladimir Putin, who was recently arrested in the pro-Western country.

Ukraine then aired its own video featuring Medvedchuk calling for his exchange in return for an evacuation of civilians and troops from Mariupol.

"I want to ask Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to exchange me for Ukrainian defenders and residents of Mariupol," he said in the video published by Kyiv's security services, wearing black clothes and looking directly into the camera.

Mariupol has become a symbol of Ukraine's unexpectedly fierce resistance since Russian troops invaded the former Soviet state on February 24.

While several large cities were under siege, according to Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, not one -- with the exception of Kherson in the south -- had fallen, and more than 900 towns and cities had been re-captured.

Capturing Mariupol would allow Russia to have a land bridge between the Crimea peninsula, which it annexed in 2014, and the two Moscow-backed separatist statelets in Ukraine's east.

In the east, Ukrainian authorities urged people in Donbas to move west to escape a large-scale Russian offensive to capture its composite regions of Donetsk and Lugansk.

"Russian troops are preparing for an offensive operation in the east of our country in the near future. They want to literally finish off and destroy Donbas," Zelenskyy said.

Lugansk governor Sergiy Gaiday said the coming week would be "difficult".

"It may be the last time we have a chance to save you," he wrote on Facebook.

Heavy bouts of shelling also resumed in the country's second city of Kharkiv on Monday morning, according to a reporter on the ground. *AFP*

Lanka president trims cabinet of relatives ahead of talks with IMF

COLOMBO

SRI Lanka's embattled president dropped two of his brothers and a nephew from his cabinet on Monday, following public anger over the ruling family's mismanagement of a crippling economic crisis and calls for his resignation.

President **Gotabaya Rajapaksa** has presided over the island nation's most painful downturn in memory and his government is preparing for imminent bailout talks with the International Monetary Fund.

Dozens of lawmakers have turned against the administration and opposition parties have rebuffed invitations to join a unity government from the president, who insists he will remain in office to guide Sri Lanka through the crisis.

Huge protests have nonetheless demanded Rajapaksa stand down, including tens of thousands of people camped outside his office for more than a week.

The new cabinet retains Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, Gotabaya's older brother and the head of Sri Lanka's ruling clan, while leaving out eldest sibling Chamal and younger brother Basil, the former finance minister. *AFP*

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E-Procurement Tender

2022-23 Year Minority Welfare Department Gadag district E Tender has been invited from qualified tender for Supply Of food and other materials for schools and hostels.

Tender Amount Rs. **185-00** lakhs E- Tenders are Called for Competitive rates under the KTPP by preferred tenderers. Tenderes can upload the tender upto date : **25-04-2022**.

Last Date for Apply tender : **25.04.2022**

For more information go through the www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Portal

Sd/- (F.U. Pujer)
District Officer,
Minority Welfare Department, Gadag

DIPR/Gadag/MCA/25/2022-23

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank | **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd, Landmark Building, 4th Floor, 228A, AJC Bose Road, Kolkata 700020
CIN No: L65190GJ1994PLC021012, www.icicibank.com

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Monojit Roy/ Kanan Roy/ Room No-307, 52 1st Cross Slvr Pg Homly Pg, Prashanth Layout, Whitefield Karnataka Bangalore 560066/ LBCAL00004945366	Residential Apartment No. NR606C on The 6th Floor, Plot No. Iii, E/5, Action area III, New Town, Rajarhat, P.S - Lake Town, Kolkata, Dist- 24 North Parganas, Admeasuring an area of 2109 Sq. Ft Super Built Up area With Covered Car Parking Space No. Nuf025 In The Basement With Admeasuring Area 134.55 Sq. Ft./ Date of Symbolic Possession 13.04.2022	27.09.2021 Rs. 42,35,355/-	Bangalore/ Kolkata

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : April 19, 2022
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited
Regd office: 27BKC, C 27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai – 400 051
Corporate office: Kotak Infiniti, Bldg No 21, Infinity Park, General AK Vaidya Marg, Malad (E), Mumbai – 400 097 www.kotak.com

AUCTION - NOTICE

That the below mentioned Borrower/s had availed gold loan facility against security of the gold ornaments/ items, as specified below. The Borrower/s defaulted in due repayment of the instalments and outstanding dues and as a result of which the Bank was constrained to issue notices calling upon the Borrower/s to repay the outstanding amounts. However, the Borrower/s has failed to repay/clear his outstanding dues thereby compelling the Bank to auction the gold ornaments pledged in favour of the Bank.

The auction of the below mentioned gold ornaments would be held at :- Respective Branches
Date: 29.04.2022 Time: 11.00 AM

Apac	Account No	Borrower Name	State	Location	Branch	Gr. wt (Gms)
GLN2046757	GLN2046757	R Mahendra	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVANGDI	267.03
GLN2074097	GLN2074097	Lakshmanaprasad T P	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	84.92
GLN1807481	GLN1807481	Asha S	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	106.6
GLN1808390	GLN1808390	Asha S	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	170.86
GLN2127029	GLN2127029	Shalini S	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	31.54
GLN2099290	GLN2099290	Chandra K	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	29.71
GLN2061087	GLN2061087	Sowmya L	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	39.46
GLN2010864	GLN2010864	Sowmya L	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	25.3
GLN2089152	GLN2089152	Sowmya L	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	80.57
GLN2128651	GLN2128651	Rohith C	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	49.82
GLN2055035	GLN2055035	Rohith C	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	64.4
GLN2055016	GLN2055016	Rohith C	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	68.14
GLN2100828	GLN2100828	Sharath U R	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BASAVSWRNR	16.98
GLN2087951	GLN2087951	Mohammed Yakhub	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BOMMANAHA	556.55
GLN1602401	GLN1602401	R Mahendra	Karnataka	BANGALORE	BSANKARI	384.08
GLN2028343	GLN2028343	Umesh P	Karnataka	BANGALORE	DEVASANDRA	754.7
GLN2075194	GLN2075194	Girija K	Karnataka	BANGALORE	DEVASANDRA	161.5
GLN2075421	GLN2075421	Girija K	Karnataka	BANGALORE	DEVASANDRA	205.8
GLN2062165	GLN2062165	Mohammed Asgar Khan	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	33.38
GLN2061068	GLN2061068	Mohammed Asgar Khan	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	51.89
GLN2049017	GLN2049017	Muskan Khan	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	111.44
GLN1672420	GLN1672420	Kabeer Ahmed	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	120.42
GLN1803850	GLN1803850	Kabeer Ahmed	Karnataka	BANGALORE	FRAZERTOW	132.97
GLN2115487	GLN2115487	B Shilpa	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	46.36
GLN2004103	GLN2004103	B Shilpa	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	135.55
GLN2004267	GLN2004267	B Shilpa	Karnataka	BANGALORE	INFANTRYR	151.28
GLN2044514	GLN2044514	Chari Murli	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JAKASANDRA	260.9
GLN1712692	GLN1712692	Sasi Kumar V	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JAKASANDRA	88.9
GLN1690775	GLN1690775	T Manasa	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JAKASANDRA	50.69
GLN2034637	GLN2034637	B M Dimple	Karnataka	BANGALORE	JPNGR2	133.54
GLN2091399	GLN2091399	Kranthi Kumar	Karnataka	BANGALORE	KAMNHALI	12.77
GLN2102950	GLN2102950	Kranthi Kumar	Karnataka	BANGALORE	KAMNHALI	14.57
GLN2070504	GLN2070504	Akshaya J Pai	Karnataka	BANGALORE	MALESWARA	64.25
GLN2133848	GLN2133848	Pavithra R	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	65.01
GLN2130232	GLN2130232	Jyothi P	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	111.1
GLN1817914	GLN1817914	Lokesh R	Karnataka	BANGALORE	RAJAJINAGA	207.32
GLN2060723	GLN2060723	Akshaya J Pai	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	55.85
GLN2051866	GLN2051866	Akshaya J Pai	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	59.91
GLN2010960	GLN2010960	S Micheal Raj	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	35.4
GLN2023315	GLN2023315	Tejaswini Kodandarama	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	119.83
GLN2057003	GLN2057003	Tejaswini Kodandarama	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	85.31
GLN2023320	GLN2023320	Tejaswini Kodandarama	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	151.96
GLN2023334	GLN2023334	Tejaswini Kodandarama	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	166.09
GLN2118161	GLN2118161	Krishna Raju K	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	164.11
GLN2133292	GLN2133292	Krishna Raju K	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	462.93
GLN2104537	GLN2104537	Shiva Kumar B	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	968.48
GLN2104778	GLN2104778	Krishna M	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	666.25
GLN2118697	GLN2118697	Divakara Shetty H	Karnataka	BANGALORE	SADASHIVA	924.59
GLN2028209	GLN2028209	Vishal Singh	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	35.5
GLN2028213	GLN2028213	Vishal Singh	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	44.5
GLN1977880	GLN1977880	Gajula Sree Ranga	Karnataka	BANGALORE	THIPASANDR	20
GLN1789216	GLN1789216	Santhosh C	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	66.89
GLN2057539	GLN2057539	Mohammed Imran Pasha	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	83.1
GLN2118441	GLN2118441	Abdullah Yafai	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	28.5
GLN2117200	GLN2117200	Abdullah Yafai	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	31.48
GLN2115810	GLN2115810	Abdullah Yafai	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	60.41
GLN2026709	GLN2026709	Bharath N	Karnataka	BANGALORE	VIJAYANAGA	256.92

Bidders are requested to Submit a copy of their Photo – identity, signature and address proof along with their original for verification together with two recent photographs on the day of auction. The Bank reserves the right to change the venue/date/time of auction or cancel the auction without any notice to bidders.

The cost of the auction process will be debited to the customer account. Bank reserves the right to recover the balance amount from the customer if the bid amount is insufficient to meet the payoff amount of the account.

For any further details regarding the terms and conditions of the auction, you are required to contact the below mentioned person/s.

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RAICHUR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, RAICHUR
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No: RUDA/TECH/CA/ALLOT-3/2021-22 /55 DATE: 16-04-2022

Karnataka Urban Development Authorities (Civic Amenities Allotment) Rules 1991 U/s 3(3)

NOTIFICATION FOR CIVIC AMENITIES ALLOTMENT

The Raichur Urban Development Authority has invited applications for disbursement of civil service facilities available in the approved private areas of its project area to eligible organizations.

- The prescribed application form can be obtained at the office of the authority by payment of Rs.1,000/- The completed application form should be submitted to the Commissioner, Raichur Urban Development Authority, Raichur on or before Date: **27-04-2022 at 05-30 pm.** Subsequent applications or applications that have not been filled properly will be rejected without consideration.
- Further information / details can be made to the Office of the Authority during office hours and has been published to the Index.

Sd/- Commissioner,
Urban Development Authority, Raichur.

DIP/Raichur/29/MC&A/2022-23

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NEW BG DOUBLE LINE INCLUDING YARDS

Invites e-tender for following work : **E-TENDER NOTICE NO. IND/RDD/Dy. CE/C/II/05 DT. 16.04.2022. TWO PACKET SYSTEM. Name of work : Earthwork & Blanketing in embankment / cutting in formation of new BG double line including yards, bridge approaches etc., Construction of bridge work (Major/Minor - foundation, sub structure and super structure) as per Railway's approved Design and Drawing, carting of steel girder component construction of Retaining/Boundary/Toe wall, supply & spreading of machine crushed stone ballast, Laying and linking of BG track for Main line, loop lines and Points & Crossing etc in section yards, Transportation of P.Way materials. Welding of Rails, and other incidental miscellaneous works etc. between RAU and Dr. Ambedkar nagar station (9.51Km) in connection with doubling of RAU - Dr. Ambedkar nagar section (9.51Km) in Ratlam Division of Western Railway. Approximate cost of work : Rs 52,81,25,237.44. Earnest Money : Rs. 27,90,600.00. Date and Submission of bid and opening : Submission : 13.05.2022 upto 15.00 Hrs. Date and time of opening of Technical Bid : 13.05.2022 at 15.30 Hrs. Website particulars Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen & address of the office : www.ireps.gov.in** Office of Deputy Chief Engineer(Construction)II, Western Railway, Opposite Indore Railway Station, Near Patel Bridge, **Indore-(MP)** 452001.

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DEVELOPMENT OF PERIPHERAL RING ROAD TO BENGALURU CITY UNDER PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

Revised Tender Schedule for Peripheral Ring Road

No. BDA/EM/EE/ID/Tender/PRR-30/2022-23 **Date: 18-04-2022**

In continuation of the Tender Notification issued for the Development of 8 lane Peripheral Ring Road with service road to Bengaluru City for approx. length of 74 km vide **No. BDA/EM/EE/ID/Tender/PRR-300/2021-22 dated 31-03-2022 and Notification No. BDA/EM/EE/ID/Tender/PRR-28/2022-23 dated 16-04-2022** the tender is rescheduled with the **revised dates as follows:**

Name of the Work	EMD (Rs. in Crores)
Development of 8 lane Peripheral Ring Road with service road to Bengaluru City for approx. length of 74 km and in RoW width of 100m. including cloverleaf junctions, flyovers/underpasses, ROBs, RUBs, vehicular underpass/overpasses, Toll Plazas, transport zones, culverts, minor and major bridges, utility ducts along and across the road, green corridor with operation and maintenance for a lease period of 50 years on revenue sharing basis through PPP mode (Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer – DBFOT) along with funding the land acquisition cost for 2560 Acres (Approx).	150

Dates of Events: Date of uploading Bid documents (RFP) to e-procurement portal: 18th April 2022, Receiving of Pre-bid queries: 27th April 2022 up to 1600 Hrs IST. Pre-bid meeting Date: 28th April 2022, Last Date for submission of bids: 18th May 2022 up to 1600 Hrs IST. Opening of Technical Bids: 20th May 2022 at 1100 Hrs IST. Bid Security: INR 150 Crore (Indian Rupees One hundred Fifty Crore Only)

Sd/- Engineer Member, BDA, Bengaluru

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The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Ashoka Chinaswamy Raju/ Veena Ashoka Raju/ LBBNG00005158695	Schedule 'A' Property (Description of The Entire Property) All That Piece and Parcel of Property Bearing Composite Municipal No.22 (Earlier Bearing Portion of Old No.3, Then 23, Municipal Nos.5,6&7), Bbmp Katha No.22, Pid No.50-33-22, Situated At New High School Road, V V Puram, In Bbmp Ward No.50 (VV Puram), Bangalore, Admeasuring: East to West: 122 Feet, North to South: 75 Feet, In All Measuring 9150 Sq.ft., With All Rights, Provileges And Appurtenances Thereto And Bounded As Follows: on The East By: Jain Temple Cross Road, West By: New High School Road, North By: Private Property, South By: Private Property. Schedule 'B' Property All That Piece And Parcel of Residential Apartment Bearing Nos.003 & 004 on The Ground Floor of The Multi-storied Building Known As "Sankeshwaar Crystal", Constructed And Erected on Property Bearing Composite Municipal No.22 (Earlier Bearing Portion of Old No 3, Then 23, Municipal Nos. 5, 6 & 7), Bbmp Katha No.22, Pid No.50-33-22, Situated At New School Road, VV Puram, In Bbmp Ward No.50 (vv Puram), Bangalore With Details and Other Attributes Mentioned Hereunder: Undivided Share In : 600 Sq.ft., in The Aschedule 'A' Property Land Super Built-up Area: 1200 Sq. Ft., Including Proportionate Share Of Common Area With The Floors, Balcony, Ceiling and Walls Between Apartments Jointly Belonging to Such Apartment Owners Equally With Carpet Area Measuring 3360 Sq.ft., Garden Area: 600 Sq. Ft., Car Parking: Four Car Parking Spaces/ Date of Physical Possession on-13.04.2022	04.08.2021 Rs. 4,19,68,934/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : April 19, 2022
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

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Equity markets witness drastic fall

NSE Nifty fell 302 points, while BSE Sensex plunged 1,172 points on weaker Q4 earnings

RAM SAHGAL @Mumbai

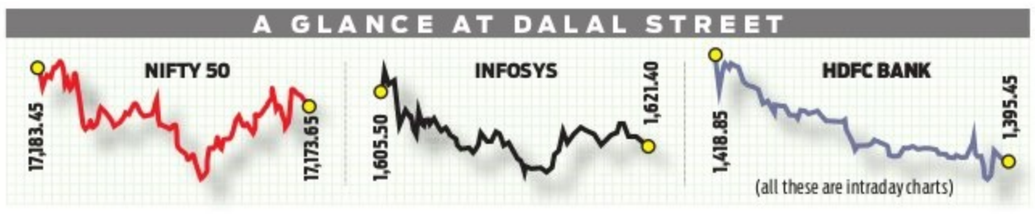
HEAVY foreign investor selling in counters like HDFC Bank and Infosys, whose March quarter numbers came below street expectations, dragged down the benchmark equity indices on Monday.

Infosys and HDFC Bank, accounting for close to a fifth of the Nifty weight, fell 7.27% and 4.74%, respectively.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) sold shares worth whopping ₹6387.45 crore, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) purchased stocks of ₹3341.96 crore, provisional BSE data showed.

The bellwether Nifty fell 302 points to ₹17,173.65, while the Sensex plunged 1,172 points to ₹57,166.74.

"Infosys fell because of weaker than expected operating margin, while HDFC Bank reported record low net interest margin (NIM) , and could have borne sustained foreign fund outflows as it might not make it to the MSCI index," said Siddarth Bhamre , research head at Religare Broking.



HDFC Bank's NIM was 4% in Q4 , the lowest in 27 quarters. Also, while HDFC is part of MSCI, HDFC Bank is not and will not be post the merger as it failed to meet the minimum foreign legroom of 15%. The bank has an estimated legroom of only 10.58% after HDFC amalgamates into it.

Analysts believe that this has led to outflows, which has seen the stock decline 19% from ₹1,722 on April 4, the merger announcement date, through ₹1397.5 on Monday.

Apart from the poor quarterly results, sustained fears of hardening interest rates in the US amid rising energy and food prices, and the Russian-Ukrainian war is resulting in fund outflows from emerging markets like India, where wholesale prices grew 14.55% in March due to higher crude and commodity prices.

"There are fears of companies in many sectors not being able to fully pass on input prices increases to customers , which will be visible in compressed operating margins in Q4 and that's causing stocks to tumble ," said SK Joshi , director , Khambatta Securities .

"We expect FY23 to witness continued volatility in equity markets, especially in the first half of the year with rising interest rates globally and high inflation, which is expected to persist," said Naveen Kulkarni , CIO, Axis Securities . " We continue to remain positive on sectors like Metals, Hospitals, Hospitality, Oil Refining, Capital Goods, etc. Some underperforming sectors might include Discretionary Consumption, IT, NBFCs, etc."

QUARTERLY EARNINGS

MINDTREE Q4 NET PROFIT JUMPS 49% TO ₹473 CRORE

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MID-SIZE IT services firm Mindtree on Monday, beating street estimates, reported a 49% increase in its fourth quarter net profit at ₹473 crore for the quarter ended March 31, 2022. The company had reported ₹317 crore profit in the same quarter last year.

The Bengaluru-based company's revenues for the fourth quarter stood at ₹2,897.4 crore, up 37% Y-o-Y, compared to ₹2,109.3 crore in the year-ago period. For the full year period FY22, the company's revenues stood at ₹10,525.3 crore, an increase of 32% compared to ₹7,967.8 crore in FY21. For Mindtree, BFSI and travel verticals were major growth drivers.

The company has delivered EBITDA margin of 20.9% and PAT margin of 15.7% in FY22, which is said to be the company's highest in a decade.

The company's board has recommended a final dividend of ₹27 per equity share for the financial year ended

March 31, 2022 .

"Our industry-leading growth through a year of rapid business and technology shifts demonstrates the relevance of our value proposition in reimagining businesses and driving digital transformation at scale," said Debashis Chatterjee, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Mindtree.

The company has 276 active clients as of March 31, 2022, and its $20 million + clients increased by five in the fourth quarter. Its attrition stood at 23.8% and the IT firm hopes that this will reduce in the coming quarters.

It has added 11,200 people in FY22. Of its total revenues, North America continues to be the largest contributor revenue with 73.6% share, followed by Continental Europe at 9%, which grew at 69.2% Y-o-Y. Mindtree's total contract value (TCV) stood at $390 million in Q4FY22.

Shares of the company ended at ₹3,956.15, down 3.44% on Monday on the BSE.

Claims merger with L&T Infotech speculative

Mindtree on Monday after its Q4 earnings call clarified that the reports of a merger between the company and L&T Infotech are "speculative". "We would like to state that there is no information available with the company as of today, which is required to be reported under extant SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, and which may have a bearing on the stock price of the company," Mindtree said in a regulatory filing.

Earlier, there were reports that Mindtree and L&T Infotech might consider share swap ratios for the merger.

Daily air traffic hits 4-lakh mark for first time in 2 years

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THE Indian aviation industry on Sunday crossed the mark of 4-lakh domestic air passengers a day for the first time since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. The airlines carried 4,07,975 passengers on 2,838 flights on Sunday, as per data provided by the government, which is almost equal to average daily passenger count of 2019, the pre-pandemic year.

"And we hit the 4 lakh mark for the first time in the last two years!" Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union Minister of Civil Aviation tweeted on Monday.

Hit by covid-19 pandemic, air traffic saw a sharp plunge in FY21 and FY22. India's domestic traffic is estimated to have grown by neqarly 59% year-on-year to 84 million in FY22, lower by 40% when compared to the pre-pandemic level.

However, since March 2022, due to waning impact of covid-19 and government's decision to lift travel-related curbs, air traffic has been witnessing a strong rebound. According to rating agency ICRA, a sequential growth of 37% in domestic air passenger traffic was seen in March 2022 to 10.6 million compared to 7.7 million in February 2022, and YoY growth of 35% compared to 7.8 million in March 2021. The increase in air traffic is a welcoming sign for aviation players who incurred massive losses in FY21 and FY22 due to poor demand amid travel restrictions. The industry now expects this momentum to continue due to a huge pent-up demand, for which most players are ramping up their operations. SpiceJet on Monday announced launching about three-dozen flights, which will be starting from April 26 in a phased manner.

The airline will be launching new non-stop international flights connecting Ahmedabad with Muscat in Oman, Mumbai with Dhaka in Bangladesh, Kozhikode with Jeddah & Riyadh in Saudi Arabia and Mumbai with Riyadh & Jeddah in Saudi Arabia.

DOMESTIC AIR TRAFFIC TO GO UP BY 59% YOY

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TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹6,634.50

Target Price ₹7,865

ULTRATECH CEMENT

Cement demand is likely to see 6-8% CAGR over next 10 years. UTCEM is set to grow ahead of the industry. UTCEM is expected to benefit from capacity expansions (19.6mtpa over FY21-23E) and cost saving initiatives (increase in WHRS/solar power capacities).

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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Wipro appoints Satya Easwaran as India head

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IT major Wipro on Monday announced the appointment of Satya Easwaran as the Country Head for India.

Wipro said in a regulatory filing that Easwaran will be in charge of strengthening Wipro's business in India across segments through strategic consulting, transformation and modernisation engagements. He will help clients leverage Wipro's capabilities and investments in cloud, digital, engineering R&D, data/analytics and cybersecurity. "India is a strategic market for Wipro. Satya's rich international experience in delivering high value consulting services, and his track record of building successful sales and leadership teams will help strengthen Wipro's positioning as a trusted partner for Indian clients," said Anis Chenchah, CEO of APMEA and member of the Wipro Executive Board.

Prior to joining Wipro, Easwaran was the head of business consulting and telecom, Media & technology sector leader at KPMG India.

SAT admits Chitra's plea in Himalayan yogi matter

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The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) has admitted former NSE MD & CEO Chitra Ramkrishna's appeal against a Sebi order, which alleged that she shared NSE's internal information with a Himalayan Yogi and that her appointment of Anand Subramanian as chief strategic officer was arbitrary and not in compliance with NSE's policies.

SAT in an order dated April 11 has directed Sebi to file its reply in four weeks and will hear the appeal on June 30. The tribunal also directed Ramkrishna to deposit ₹2 crore within six weeks from the order date.

"If such an amount is deposited, the balance amount shall not be recovered during the pendency of the appeal. The stay application is accordingly disposed of," said Justice Tarun Agarwala, SAT's presiding officer. It also directed NSE to deposit ₹4.73 crore toward leave encashment and deferred bonus of Ramkrishna in an escrow account instead of depositing it in the Investor Protection Fund Trust, as directed by Sebi.

"Such deposit in an escrow account would be subject to the result of the appeal." The Sebi order of February 11 had imposed a ₹3 crore penalty on Ramkrishna for her alleged acts.

START-UP FUNDING

Swiggy & Zomato back UrbanPiper funding

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RESTAURANT management platform UrbanPiper on Monday announced that it has raised $24 million from investors including food delivery platforms Swiggy and Zomato.

Besides existing investors Sequoia India and Tiger Global, the start-up's Series B funding also saw participation from Zomato and Shyft co-founder Pankaj Chaddah, Curefoods founder Ankit Nagori and angel investors Khadim Bhatti and Vara Kumar, among others.

Zomato and Swiggy have come together to invest in the company. In January this year, Zomato said it will buy a 5% stake for ₹37.38 crore in B2B software platform UrbanPiper Technology. Recently, Swiggy invested in bike taxi platform Rapido. UrbanPiper currently processes 18% of all online food orders placed every month in India. It has also grown over 10 times in the last two years. A restaurant signs up with at least 6-10 different online channels/aggregators. Through UrbanPiper, restaurants can integrate all these aggregators onto a single dashboard and connect it with their points of sale, the start-up said. The company plans to use the fund to scale its product and engineering teams and also strengthen its platform capabilities. It also plans to broaden its offerings to enable more services to restaurants. "UrbanPiper is one of our key partners enabling us to seamlessly engage with restaurants and scale faster through their point-of-sale solutions," said Sriharsha Majety, CEO, Swiggy.

Founded in 2015 by Saurabh Gupta, Anirban Majumdar and Manav Gupta, the company has over 150 employees, and it plans to increase the headcount to over 250 in the next one year.

EXPRESS READ

RBI turns net purchaser of US currency in Feb

Mumbai: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) turned net buyer of the US dollar in February 2022, after it bought USD 771 million on a net basis from the spot market. In the reporting month, the central bank bought USD 5.946 billion and sold USD 5.175 billion in the spot market, RBI said in its monthly bulletin for April 2022. In January 2022, the central bank sold USD 771 million of the US currency on a net basis. PTI

GoM yet to take view on GST rate rationalisation

New Delhi: A group comprising ministers from states is yet to finalise a report on rationalisation of GST rates and a decision will be taken in due course, sources said. The Group of Ministers (GoM) will deliberate and finalise recommendations which will be sent to the GST Council, headed by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and comprising state finance ministers. No view on rate rationalisation has yet been taken by the GoM, the sources said. PTI

AC industry set for record growth as temperature soars in parts of country

SAMIKSHA GOEL @Delhi

AS temperatures in many parts of the country are soaring, so is the demand for Air conditioners. Industry players like Panasonic, Voltas, Hitachi are expecting a 20-30% y-o-y growth this summer season due to pent up demand owing to the Covid-19 pandemic and buoyant summer.

The industry has seen 6-8% hike over the last one year owing to rise in prices of imports, raw materials, fuel, etc., but the price hikes have not subdued the consumer sentiment.

Panasonic India in March this year has seen a record growth of nearly 25% as compared to March 2021, in terms of value, according to Gaurav Sah, Business Head, Air Conditioners Group, Panasonic India. He says, "This year, we are expecting robust sales from all regions. We are hoping to see an overall 30% growth this summer for ACs over last year."

A Voltas spokesperson said, there is a big surge for replacement since a lot of consumers are upgrading their cooling products for more energy efficiency. "We are fully geared up for the year and anticipate that IMD's prediction of a hot summer would see a pickup in demand for cooling products across the country."

Hitachi is aiming for over 20% growth in FY 22-23 (over 2019) in the Indian market and is optimistic about achieving sales of approximately ₹1,500 crore during the peak season.

Gurmeet Singh, Chairman and MD, Johnson Controls-Hitachi AC India says he is upbeat about the demand for air conditioners this season due to various market dynamics like pent up demand, predicted heat waves, expected long summer season and a positive consumer sentiment. According to B2B portal Trade India, there has been a month-on-month growth of 50% in Air Cooler & 48% in AC respectively. In yearly comparison, there is a growth of 10.25% in demand for Air Coolers and 14% for ACs.

"In some regions summer has come early this year due to which we have seen a huge spike. There has been a trend of second AC in semi urban and rural markets," Avneet Singh Marwah, CEO SPPL, exclusive brand licensee of Thomson India said.

We are hoping to see an overall 30% growth this summer for ACs over last year

—GAURAV SAH, business head, Panasonic India

'5G rollout will raise demand for semiconductors'

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THE rollout of 5G in India will increase the demand for semiconductors, claims a report released on Monday by India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA).

The report said the present valuation of the semiconductor market for the telecom segment is more than $2 billion and it will grow by 34% in the next five years. "The telecom market in India, which is in the process of preparing for the 5G rollout, deploying cloud network functionality and expansion of network coverage, will bring about a surge in demand for semiconductors. The present valuation of the semiconductor market for the telecom segment is more than USD 2 billion and it is expected to grow at a CAGR of 34% for the period 2021-2026," said the report.

IESA's report also found the mobile and wearables, IT, and industrial are the leading segments in the Indian semiconductor industry, contributing nearly 80% of the revenue in 2021.

The government, in order to develop a robust and sustainable Semiconductor and Display ecosystem in the country approved Semicon India Programme with an outlay of ₹. 76,000 crore on December 15, 2021.

The report noted that Indian semiconductor market was valued at $27,154 million in 2021 and is expected to grow at a CAGR of 16% from 2019 to 2026 to reach $64,050 million in 2026. Only 9% of India's semiconductor components were locally sourced in 2021.

India registers 1.67 lakh firms in FY22, highest ever

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INDIA registered 1.67 lakh new companies in FY22, highest ever in any of the previous years, as per the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. The rise in number of registrations is significant as last year too, the number of newly-registered firms were at a record-high.

"The incorporations during FY2021-22 are 8% more than the incorporations during FY2020-21. While MCA had registered 1.24 lakh companies during FY 2018-19 and 1.22 lakh companies in 2019-20 respectively, it had registered 1.55 lakh companies during FY 2020-21," the ministry said. The increase is on account of various initiatives taken by the government including the drive for ease of doing business, which led to time and cost saving to start a business in the country. During FY 22, the States having the highest number of registrations were Maharashtra (31,107 companies), followed by Uttar Pradesh (16,969), Delhi (16,323) Karnataka (13,403), and Tamil Nadu (11,020). Sector-wise, the maximum number of companies were incorporated in the business services (44,168 companies), followed by manufacturing (34,640 companies) community, personal & social services (23,416 companies) and agriculture & allied activities (13,387 companies), said the government release.

The Centre has taken several measures in recent past towards ease of doing business like revision of definition of small companies, which subsequently reduced compliance burden on nearly 2 lakh firms, zero MCA fee for company incorporation up to ₹15 lakh authorised capital, incentivisation of incorporation of one person companies (OPCs), decriminalisation of technical & procedural violations under Companies & LLP Act.

Ease of doing business

The increase in registrations of new companies is on account of initiatives taken by the govt including drive for ease of doing business, shows MCA data

Spicejet Promoter Ajay Singh starts Healthcare startup

New Delhi: SpiceJet promoter Ajay Singh-backed healthcare startup Flebo on Monday announced launching operations in Delhi, Gurgaon & Noida. It said that it will expand its presence pan-India in the coming months. Flebo team includes more than 100 phlebotomists for home collection of blood and other samples and now is being ramped up to several thousand. Flebo also allows medical diagnostic labs to concentrate on their core strength of providing high quality pathology, haematology, molecular tests and health packages while it takes care of the home collection, it said in a statement, claiming that over 50 diagnostic labs are currently on the platform and more are being added everyday Ajay Singh, chairman and founder, Flebo, said, "With Flebo, we aim to build a one-stop destination for booking healthcare and diagnostic tests with partner labs in as many districts as possible." Singh is a promoter as well as Chairman and Managing Director of SpiceJet airline. ENS

Nadal back in training after injury layoff

Rafael Nadal returned to training on Monday following a four-week rib injury layoff, with just over a month to go before the French Open in Roland Garros. "Today's (Monday) first gentle workout after four weeks without stepping on a tennis court. What excitement to step onto clay again!" the World No 4 wrote on Twitter alongside two photos showing him training indoors on clay.

TON & TRICK IN ROYAL RUMBLE

Buttler's century, Chahal's five-wicket haul that included a hat-trick help Rajasthan top thrilling battle vs Kolkata

TODAY'S MATCH

GIANT CLASH

Both Lucknow and Bangalore, who have only lost two games between them in last 10, face each other in a big match on Tuesday. A look...

AVESH FACTOR

After taking a few games to warm-up, Avesh Khan is finding his feet for his new side. He has picked up eight wickets in the last four games and has managed to be very economical while doing so. How he matches up with Bangalore's middle-order hitters could decide who wins this contest

DK Boss

Dinesh Karthik has been on a one-man mission to lift Bangalore's slightly under par top-order. He averages 197 while striking at 209.5. And he hits a boundary once every 2.93 balls. If he can sustain that, an India call-up will follow.

WHAT'S EATING SIRAJ

Mohammed Siraj has potentially become a problem for the franchise. In four of his six games, he has gone for over nine runs per over and has only picked up five wickets in six matches. Not good returns for a new-ball operator.

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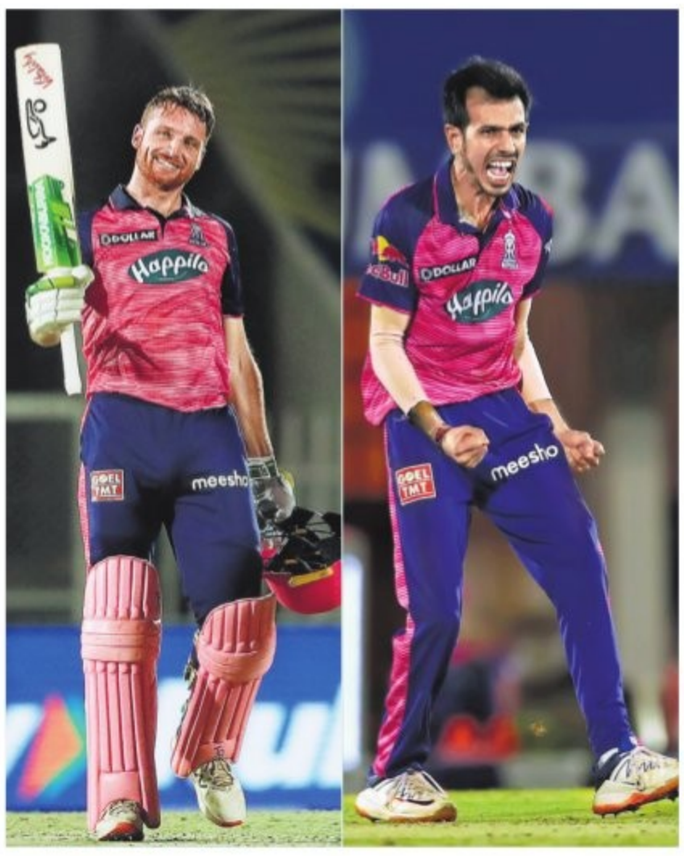
Karthik has struck 32 boundaries from just 94 balls

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS @7.30 PM, MUMBAI



A hat-trick from Yuzvendra Chahal (right) and Jos Buttler's second 100 of the season helped Rajasthan Royals to a 7-run win over Kolkata on Monday | SPORTZPICS

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

AN online poll popped up on the TV screen, asking fans if Jos Buttler would win the Orange Cap. It was in the first over, and the Rajasthan Royals batter was yet to get off the mark in the against Kolkata Knight Riders at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai on Monday. With the way the Englishman has batted in the 15th edition of the league, if anyone voted against the player, he/she may have been living under a rock for the past few weeks.

The Englishman had scores of 35 (28), 100 (68), 70 (47), 13 (11) and 54 (24) in the first five matches at a strike rate of 152.81 with 23 fours and 18 sixes. His clean hitting against both spin and pace has made bowlers draw a sorry picture of themselves, with the ball most often than not sailing into the stands. Those scenes were on full display once again as he treated the Kolkata bowlers with utter disdain. The 31-year-old scored his second ton of the season with his 103 comprising of nine fours and five sixes to power his team to 217/5.

Such hitting does not come as a surprise for the Rajasthan batter, who was retained by the franchise. He has played such knocks at the international scene. But his form this IPL has been second to none. Only six matches into the competition, and he has already amassed 375 runs. It is already his second best season ever. He leads Punjab Kings' KL Rahul (second in the table) by 140 runs. It would not come as a surprise if Buttler outdoes his best (548 in 2018) this time around. So what makes him such a dangerous T20 player? The opener just knows one way to play in the powerplay, which helps in laying down a solid foundation. He has all the shots in the book and once he gets going, it is almost difficult to contain him. The same happened on Monday. In the first six overs, he had four fours and three sixes against his name, with his individual score being 46 (27) in the powerplay.

Buttler's dominance was such that Sanju Samson's 19-ball 38, which included three fours and two sixes, looked minuscule. With almost five overs to go and Buttler on 90, he had a chance of outdoing his best individual score (124) in his IPL career. He brought up his 100 in 59 balls with a six off Pat Cummins in the 17th over, but the Australian dismissed the Englishman in the same over.

The task in front of Kolkata batters was massive, to say the least. To make matters worse, they lost opener Sunil Narine in the very first over. However, they, especially Shreyas Iyer and Aaron Finch, put up a gutsy batting show to make a real contest out of the match. Finch, after a watchful start, showed plenty of intent to hit 28-ball 58. Shreyas, on the other hand, was in the zone and was finding boundaries at will. It felt like he could help Kolkata post an unlikely win. However, Yuzvendra Chahal, who had conceded 17 runs in his first over, changed the fate of the match with a hat-trick towards the death. His first victim was the big wicket of Shreyas, whose 51-ball 85 proved to be in vain as Kolkata fell short of the target by 8 runs.

Brief scores: RR 217/5 in 20 ovs (Buttler 103, Samson 38, Narine 2/21) **bt** KKR 210 in 19.4 ovs (Shreyas 85, Finch 58; Chahal 5/40).

Marsh tests postive for Covid-19, in hospital

AGENCIES @ Mumbai

DELHI Capitals all-rounder Mitchell Marsh has been admitted to a hospital after testing positive for Covid-19.

A statetment from the franchise said: "Delhi Capitals all-rounder Mitchell Marsh has tested positive for COVID-19, following which he has been admitted to a hospital. The Delhi Capitals medical team is closely monitoring Marsh's condition."

After he reportedly had symptoms consistent with Covid-19, he had returned a positive Rapid Antigen Test. That was confirmed by an RT-PCR. Marsh is one of four (including physio Patrick Farhat who had returned a positive test a few days ago) to have tested positive for the virus.

On Monday, apart from Marsh, team doctor, Abhijit Selvi and a team masseur also reportedly tested positive for the virus. Marsh and the others will undergo a period of isolation and can only re-enter the bubble upon returning a negative RT-PCR test.

As a result of the small outbreak within the camp, they decided to postpone their trip to Pune. They were originally supposed to leave for Monday for their game against Punjab Kings on Wednesday. There is no confirmation yet on the status of that match.

All other members of the camp have returned a negative test.

Chance for Bajrang to reclaim Asian C'ships crown

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

THE Asian Championships will begin in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on Tuesday with qualification, repechage and finals in five Greco-Roman weight categories (55kg, 63kg, 77kg, 87kg and 130kg). The five Indian grapplers in the above weight categories had left the country on Saturday while the women contingent and remaining five Greco-Roman wrestlers left on Monday.

The freestyle contingent comprising Olympic medallist — Ravi Dahiya (57kg) and Bajrang Punia (65kg) — are scheduled to depart on Wednesday. Bouts in the women's freestyle wrestling will be held on Thursday and Friday while men will be in action on Saturday and Sunday. The continental event will present a good opportunity for Indian wrestlers to get international exposure ahead of big-ticket competitions like the Commonwealth Games, World Championships and Asian Games. It will hold even greater importance for Bajrang, who will be making his international comeback since the bronze medal haul at the Tokyo Olympics last year.

He has won seven Asian medals (2 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze) so far. The Haryana wrestler had won the Asian title twice (2017 and 2019) but had to contend with silver in the previous two editions where his nemesis Takuto Otoguro from Japan won the gold. The 2021 world bronze medallist Alibek Osmonov from Kazakhstan and 2021 world junior champion in 61kg Rahman Amouzadkhalili from Iran are expected to give him tough fights for the top position. The former is seeded second while Bajrang is number 1 seed for the competition. **Full story: newindianexpress.com**

Teams: Freestyle: 57kg Ravi Kumar, 61kg Mangal Kadyan, 65kg Bajrang, 70kg Naveen, 74kg Yash, 79kg Gourav Baliyan, 86kg Deepak Punia, 92kg Viky, 97kg Satywart Kadian, 125kg Anirudh Kumar. **Greco Roman:** 55kg Arjuna Halakurki, 60kg Gyanender, 63kg Neeraj, 67kg Sachin Sehrawat, 72kg Vikas, 77kg Sajan, 82kg Harpreet Singh, 87kg Sunil Kumar, 97kg Ravi, 130kg Prem. **Women:** 50kg Manisha, 53kg Swati Shinde, 55kg Sushma Shokeen, 57kg Anshu, 59kg Sarita, 62kg Manisha, 65kg Radhika, 68kg Sonika Hooda, 72kg Nikki, 76kg Sudesh.

CHAMPIONS

HBR BC defeated MNK Rao Park BC 62-50 to clinch the State Sub Junior Basketball Championship for Boys on Monday. The girls final was a much closer affair as MCHS BC beat Koramanagala BC 48-47

LOCAL EXPRESS

Karnataka women lose to Chandigarh

BENGALURU: Karnataka lost to Chandigarh by six wickets in the Senior women's T20 trophy in Saurashtra on Monday. Amanjot Kaur and Rajni Devi starred for Chandigarh with three wickets each as Karnataka were all out for 65 runs only. Chandigarh reached the target in 17 overs.

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tender is invited for the supply of following item :-

1. Wet lease of 1400 (+50% variation i.e. upto 2100) SD AC Electric Buses with Drivers (Bid End Date Extended upto 25.04.2022).

Note : For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in.**

PRO/AAM(M)/13/2022 **GENERAL MANAGER**

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001.
Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact Number : 9646118754)

Tender Enquiry No.285/HPs/ED-III/M-141 **Dt: 18.04.2022**

Dy. CE / Hydel Projects, PSPCL, Shed A-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala Invites E-Tender for MANUFACTURING, TESTING, SUPPLY AND ERECTION & COMMISSIONING OF 3 NOs. 25 MVA, 11/132KV GENERATOR TRANSFORMERS FOR MUKERIAN HYDEL PROJECT, TALWARA, PUNJAB.

For detailed NIT & tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **19.04.2022** onwards.

NOTE: Corrigendum and Addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

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e-Tender Notice

Online Bids, under two bid systems, on behalf of the Director, ICAR - Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore - 641007 are invited from interested registered / well-established / reputed manpower service providers through e-Tender enquiry for awarding of contract for outsourcing of Farm Operations at the ICAR- Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore - 641007. For more details please visit Central Public Procurement Portal (https://eprocure.gov.in) [Tender ID: 2022_DARE_683297_1] and website of this Institute http://sugarcane.icar.gov.in.

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प्रशासनिक अधिकारी / Administrative Officer.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.KPCL/2021-22/EL/WORK_INDENT12208/Call-2 Dated:13.04.2022

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Bids are invited for the work of **"Rewinding of rotor of DG-1, 625 KVA Alternator of Kirloskar make"** from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar nature of works. The NIT, Brief bid notification as well as the details of tender documents can also be viewed on GoK website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** EMD: **Rs.10,000/-.** Tender processing Fee: **As per e-procurement norms.** Period of completion: **2 months from the date of work order.** Last Date & Time for online submission of tenders: **23.04.2022, 18.00 Hrs.** Date & time of opening of Technical bid (Cover-I): **25.04.2022, 11.00 Hrs.** Date & time of opening of Financial bid (Cover-II): **26.04.2022, 14.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (ODY), RTPS, KPCL, Shakthinagar-584 170. Raichur (Dist.) Mobile No:. 91+ 9449599139, E-mail: eeodyrtps@gmail.com**

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank | **Branch Office:** ICICI BANK LTD Mytree Centre No 4/10 , Hosur Road Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068

Whereas

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of hypothecated vehicle/ asset (Secured Assets) Date of Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice	Name of Branch
1.	Nagaraj M H/ Manjula M No 01 Medanahalli Near Toyata Bidadi Ramanagar Ramanagara- 562109/ LQBNG00040711791	ORG12100072/ SP1314354/ PRY114805/ EXCAVATOR/ 07/04/2022	August 18, 2021 Rs. 3272850/-	ICICI Bank Ltd Mytree Centre No 4/10, Hosur Road Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560068
2.	Nagesh M N/ Sharadamma B 2nd Block Melya Village And Post Gowribidanur Taluk Chikkaballapura Chikkaballapura- 560101/ LVBNG00040050079	KA40A9624/ MB1A3GCD0KREC5775/ KEEZ413581/ ALECOMET 1214 09/04/2022	August 27, 2021 Rs. 15,21,159/-	ICICI Bank Ltd Mytree Centre No 4/10, Hosur Road Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the secured assets will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : April 19, 2022 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Ramanagara & Chikkaballapur **ICICI Bank Limited**

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A. IFT No.BAMUL/Products/T&C e- Tender-02/2022-23 **Date: 16.04.2022**

SHORT TIME TECHNICAL CUM COMMERCIAL SERVICE TENDER

Bengaluru Milk Union Ltd., (BAMUL) Bengaluru, invites e- tenders through e-Procurement Portal from the interested and eligible Service provider for service of the following items.

Sl.No.	Service Description	Qnty.
01	TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR SUPERVISION DURING PRODUCTION/ TRANSPORTATION/DELIVERY OF 400G TIN BUTTER TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS / INSTITUTIONS / DEFENCE FROM BENGALURU COOPERATIVE MILK UNION LIMITED.	Job work

Vide Tender No. KMF/BAMUL/PRDT/T.C-02/2022-23

B. IFT. No:BMU/M(T)/E-PROC/477/2022 **Date:13.04.2022**

Sl.No.	Service Description	Qnty.
01	TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF SACHET MILK, MILK PRODUCTS & MILK POWDER THROUGH DIFFERENT CAPACITY INSULATED / NON INSULATED VEHICALS AND CARS FOR OFFICE USE ON BI-ANNUAL CONTRACT BASIS.	Job work

Vide Tender No. BMU/M(T)/E-PROC/477/2022

1	Access to E-tender Documents	**16.04.22 to 30.04.22 upto 02.30 PM**
2	Tender clarification date & time	**22.04.2022 upto 5.00 PM**
3	Last date for submission of tender/ quoting	**30.04.2022 upto 02.30 PM**
4	Date & time for opening Technical Tender	**02.05.2022 at 02.35 PM**
5	Date & time for opening Commercial Tender	**04.05.2022 at 11.30 AM**
6	Place of opening of Technical and Commercial Tender	**Bengaluru Dairy, Board Room**

The Tenderers may submit separate tender for the above. Tenderers are advised to note the qualification criteria specified in Section VII to qualify for award of the contract.

The Earnest money deposit (E.M.D.) valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the tender i.e. total for 135 days, Tender processing Fee, modes of e-payment, tender document details and Other details are mentioned in **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR
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REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB)
E-Procurement Notice
(Engineering, Procurement, Construction ("EPC") Contract following Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)
NATIONAL OPEN COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT

Date: 18 April 2022

1. The Government of India has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Uttar Pradesh Core Road Network Development Project and intends to apply a part of the proceeds to cover eligible payments under the contract for construction of works as detailed below.
2. Bidding will be conducted through national open competitive procurement using a Request for Bids (RFB) as specified in the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, July 2016_Revised August 2018" ("Procurement Regulations"), and is open to all Bidders as defined in the Procurement Regulations.
3. The Governor of Uttar Pradesh through Chief Engineer, Externally Aided Projects (Roads), UPPWD (Implementing Agency) now invites online Bids from eligible Bidders for the construction of works as tabulated below:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Contract Package No.	Cost of Document (Rs.)	Period of Completion (Days)
1	2	3	4	5
1	Up-gradation and Maintenance of Bansi - Mehandawal - Khalilabad section of SH-88, from Km 0.000 to Km 28.870	UPCRNDP/ UPG/06/ 2022	5000/- including GST	Construction Period – 730 + Maintenance Period - 1826

Interested bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding document at the address given below during office hours. Bidders are advised to note the clauses on eligibility (Section I Clause 4) and minimum qualification criteria (Section III – Evaluation and Qualification Criteria), to qualify for the award of the contract. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 3.14 and 3.15 of the "Procurement Regulations" setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

4. The bidding document is available online on http://etender.up.nic.in [under the organisation head "PWD – Externally Aided Project (World Bank Tenders)"] (website) from 27-04-2022 to 27-05-2022 for a non-refundable fee as per column no 4 of the table above. This fee is to be paid online on website https://rajkosh.up.nic.in/PayWithoutReg.aspx as per instructions given in BDS Clause 6.3. The bidders would be responsible for ensuring that any addenda available on the website is also downloaded and incorporated.
5. For submission of the bid, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the Certifying Authorities authorised by Government of India for issuing DSC. Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-procurement in this Project, may obtain the same from the website: http://etender.up.nic.in The Invitation for Bids under UPCRNDP is published on this website under the organisation head "PWD – Externally Aided Project (World Bank Tenders)". Any prospective bidder can logon to this website and view the Invitation for Bids and can view the details of works for which bids are invited. The prospective bidder can submit bids online; however, the bidder is required to have enrolment/registration in the website and should have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC), for signing and encryption issued by a Certifying Authority licensed under Controller of Certifying Authorities of India, in the form of smart card/e-token. The DSC can be obtained from any authorized certifying agencies. The bidder should register in the web site http://etender.up.nic.in using the relevant option available.
6. Bids comprise two Parts, namely the Technical Part and the Financial Part, and both parts must be submitted simultaneously online on http://etender.up.nic.in on or before 17:00 hours on 27-05-2022 and the 'Technical Part' of the bids will be publicly opened online at the address given below on the same day at 17:30 hours, in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend. The "Financial Part" shall remain unopened in the e-procurement system until the second public Bid opening for the financial part. Any bid or modifications to bid (including discount) received outside e-procurement system will not be considered. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. The electronic bidding system would not allow any late submission of bids.
7. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Securing Declaration.
8. A pre-bid meeting will be held on 13-05-2022 at 15:00 hours at the office of Chief Engineer, Externally Aided Projects (Roads), UPPWD, Nirman Bhawan, 96, MG Marg, Lucknow-226 001 to clarify the issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in ITB Clause 7.4 of 'Instructions to Bidders' of the bidding document. Bidders are advised to download the bidding document prior to the pre-bid meeting in order for bidders to have a good understanding of the scope of work under this contract for discussion and clarification at the pre-bid meeting.
9. Other details can be seen in the bidding document. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to this bid.
10. The address(es) referred to above are:
    (a) Name & Designation of Officer: Chief Engineer, Externally Aided Projects (Roads), UPPWD.
    (b) Official Address: Nirman Bhawan, 96, MG Marg, Lucknow-226 001.
    (c) Email ceeapuppwd@gmail.com.
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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **The Karnataka State Co- Operative Apex Bank Limited.**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **31.01.2022** calling upon the Borrower **Sri H.B. Anupkumar S/o. Late H.A. Basireddy,** R/at: Devi Anugraha, Basireddy Garden, K.R. Puram Road, Hoodi, Mahadevapura Post, Bengaluru - 560048. **Guarantors: 1) Smt. Shalini. H.B. W/o. N.G. Lokesh,** Sy.No. 55/2, Ayyappanagar Main Road, West of Flyover, Hoodi, Mahadevapura Post, Bengaluru - 560048. **2) Sri Ramachandra Reddy S/o. Narayan Reddy,** No.205/4, Hoodi, Halegrama, 1st Cross, Near BBMP Office, Hoodi, Bengaluru - 560048. to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs. 1,90,48,892/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Two Only) as on 10.01.2022** together with future interest thereon at contractual interest rate **within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on this the **13th Day of April of the year 2022.**

The Borrower in Particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Limited, Mahadevapura Branch,** for an amount of **Rs.1,90,48,892/- (Rupees One Crore Ninety Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Two Only) as on 10.01.2022** together with future interest thereon at contractual interest rate and costs charges till the date of realization.

The Borrower attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: A) All that piece and parcel of immovable property BBMP Khatha No.140/109/123, House list Khatha No.43/109/356, 2nd Cross, Near Maramma Temple Road, Mahadevapura Post, Hoodi Village, Bengaluru - 560048, measuring East to West 80 feet, North to South 57 feet total measuring 4560 Sq.ft. and bounded on the: **East by :** Road, **West by :** House of Nanjamma, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Road.

B) Flat No.G-9, 'B' Block, SPLENDID Eternity, situated at Hoodi, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru - 560048, measuring in total built-up area 1442 Sq.ft of SBA G586 Sq.ft of UDS: **East by :** Flat No.G-10, **West by :** Open Area, **North by :** Flat No.G-7, **South by :** Open Area.

Date : 13-04-2022 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bengaluru The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd.,

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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Syndicate

Hoskote Branch, K.R.ROAD, Hoskote, Bangalore Rural - 562114.
Phone No : 080-27931262/27931379. Email:cb0598@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE (Rule-8(1)) (for Immovable property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **25.10.2021** calling upon the borrower **Sri. Siddaraju, S/o Devendraiah** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.8,83,236.65 (Rupees Eight Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Six and Sixty Five Paise Only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **13th day of April of the year 2022.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Canara Bank (name of the Institution) for an amount of **Rs.9,41,872.65 (Rupees Nine Lakhs Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Two and Sixty Five Paisa Only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Residential property bearing Janjar No 318, Property No 288, Site No 35/1 and Janjar No.319, Property No.264, Site No.36, Totally measuring East to West 40 ft, North to south 50 ft, situated at Doddahullur Village, Doddahulluru Grama Panchayath, Kasaba Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist. Bounded on : **East By :** Road, **West By :** Site No 37, **North By :** House of Mr D Shankar and **South By :** Road and Dongra.

Date : 13.04.2022 Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore Canara Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)

J P Nagar II Phase Branch
No.33, 100 feet Road, 18th Main, 15th Cross, J P Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560078

POSSESSION NOTICE

APPENDIX-IV under Act- Rule 8 (1) Section 13(4) (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, J P Nagar II Phase Branch, No.33, 100 feet Road, 18th Main, 15th Cross, J P Nagar 2nd Phase Bengaluru-560078,** Under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **10/12/2021** calling upon the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor **1) M/s. Harish Enterprises, Prop.Mr. Harish Babu,** No.268, 1st Floor, 11th Cross, 20th Main, J P Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengauru-560078,**2) Mrs. Vasantha** W/o Mr. Harish Babu, No.268, 1st Floor, 11th Cross, 20th Main, J P Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengauru-560078. To repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.90,92,171/-** (Rupees Ninety Lakh ninety Two Thousand One Hundred and Seventy One Only) as on **10/12/2021** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. Together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **13th April 2022.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank** for an amount **Rs.90,92,171/-** (Rupees Ninety Lakh ninety Two Thousand One Hundred and Seventy One Only) as on **10/12/2021** Together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Description of the Immovable Property

Name of Title holder:- Mrs.Vasantha. B. Residential Site Bearing No.1040, PID No.1041/1040, Presently within BBMP Limits, situated at 5th Main, Sector 'A', Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560061, measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 30 Feet totally measuring 1200 Square feet and bounded on: North: Site No.1041, South: No. 1039, East : Road, West : Site No.1021.

Date : 13.04.2022 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bengaluru Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are requested to take notice that I, Rashmi F. Abraham, am the owner of all that piece and parcel of the land along with the residential house constructed thereon and all fixtures and fittings therein, and detailed in the Schedule below (**"Schedule Property"**). My father, the late Mr. Bonaface William, had executed his last will and testament dated 31.05.2012 (**"Will"**), by way of which the Schedule Property, which was his self-acquired property, was bequeathed to me. Further by way of the Will, my mother Mrs. Pavana Williams, residing at Ferns Manor, Plot 144B, Doddaballapur Road, Bangalore 560064, was only given a life estate in the Schedule Property. The express intention of the Will was to grant her a mere life estate, until the Schedule Property eventually passes to me. In terms of the Will, the Schedule Property has been bequeathed to me 'absolutely forever', and I have been endowed with full right and title, and the sole power to alienate by way of sale, gift etc. My father, late Mr. Bonaface William, expired on 11.01.2017. My brother, Mr. Roshan E. Williams, also residing at Ferns Manor, Plot 144B, Doddaballapur Road, Bangalore 560064, has however failed to perform his duties as an executor under the Will by ensuring that the revenue records in respect of the Schedule Property are transferred to me.

No person/s other than me has/have any manner of right, title or interest to the Schedule Property *(apart from the limited life estate described above)*, or any power to enter into transactions pertaining to the Schedule Property or to alienate or encumber the Schedule Property in any manner whatsoever. I have not, in my capacity as owner of the Schedule Property, authorized or permitted anyone to encumber, alienate or enter into any form of transactions with respect to the Schedule Property, in any manner whatsoever.

I have recently become aware that my mother, Mrs. Pavana Williams and my brother, Mr. Roshan E. Williams, have fabricated a notarized general power of attorney dated 18.01.2017 purported to have been executed by me in favour of my brother, Mr. Roshan E. Williams, and purportedly entered into the notarial register at Sl. No. 569, page No. 16 by Mrs. K.N. Ramadevi - Notary Reg. No. 4864 at No. 673, MEL Layout, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru. My mother and my brother, immediately upon my father's death on 11.01.2017 and taking advantage of my grief pursuant to my father's death, and claiming that, since I am a resident of the United States of America, they required a power of attorney from my end in order to take certain steps pursuant to my father's death, have obtained my signatures on certain documents. I now understand that one such document is purportedly the abovementioned notarized general power of attorney purported to have been executed by me in favour of my brother, Mr. Roshan Williams.

I now apprehend that my mother, Mrs. Pavana Williams and my brother, Mr. Roshan Williams may attempt to either misuse the notarized general power of attorney dated 18.01.2017 purported to have been executed by me in favour of my brother, Mr. Roshan E. Williams, and purportedly entered into the notarial register at Sl. No. 569, page No. 16 by Mrs. K.N. Ramadevi - Notary Reg. No. 4864 at No. 673, MEL Layout, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru, which may include the Schedule Property, and may attempt to, in some manner, alienate or encumber the Schedule Property;

I state that I have not executed any general power of attorney dated 18.01.2017 in favour of my brother, Mr. Roshan Williams in respect of the Schedule Property. I state that any deed or document executed on my behalf on the strength of a general power of attorney purported to have been executed by me is null and void ab initio and not binding on me. I have not authorized any individual to deal with, negotiate, alienate or encumber, in any manner whatsoever, the Schedule Property, which is my sole and absolute property. I reiterate that any such purported general power of attorney, including but not limited to, the general power of attorney dated 18.01.2017 purported to have been executed by me in favour of my brother, Mr. Roshan Williams, is fabricated and is null and void ab initio, and is not binding on me. **In any event, as abundant caution, with intent to prevent such fraud from being played and to avoid any third-party rights from being created in respect of the Schedule Property, by way of a Deed of Cancellation dated 21.12.2021, I have cancelled and revoked the abovementioned general power of attorney dated 18.01.2017.**

While I intend to take appropriate steps as may be advised against my mother, Mrs. Pavana Williams and my brother, Mr. Roshan E. Williams in respect of the Schedule Property, the general public are hereby cautioned against entering into any transaction with respect to the Schedule Property. Any person transacting with Mr. Roshan E. Williams, Mrs. Pavana Williams or any other person with respect to the Schedule Property, will be doing so at his / her / their own risk and peril, and shall be liable for the costs and consequences thereof. No such transaction shall be binding on me, and no such transaction shall create any manner of right, title or interest whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property.

Sd/- **Rashmi F Abraham**
E-Mail: rashmiw@hotmail.com

SCHEDULE

Land Survey No. 253/1, measuring 24.48 cents and the new house constructed upon it bearing no. PPW XII 31A and named "KRIPA" situated within the Pappinisseri Panchayat limit, behind R.C. Church, Colony Road, P.O. Pappinisseri PIN 670561, Kannur District, Kerala.

SUNDARAM HOME

Regd Office: No. 21, Patullos Road, Chennai - 600002.
Corporate Office: Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai-600014
Branch Office: No. 295, 2nd Floor, Silver Square, White Field Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 066. Phone: 080 - 2845 0035

POSSESSION NOTICE

Rule 8(2) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas the authorized officer of **SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LIMITED** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice U/s. 13(2) dated 02-11-2021** calling upon the **Borrower Mr. Challam Venugopal Reddy, Co-Borrower, Mrs. Saritha Katari Subramanyam Reddy** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 31,51,308/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Three Hundred Eight Only)** being the amount due and payable under the **Loan Account number 82700246** + interest @36% p.a from 01-07-2021 + Future Interest + Statutory Expenditure + Legal expenses + Incidental charges within 60 days from the date of publication of the notice on 02-11-2021.

The Borrower, Co-Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Co-Borrower and the public in general that the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this **15-04-2022.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrower, Co-Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LIMITED** for an amount Rs. 35,07,740/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Only) as of **15-04-2022** and interest thereon @ 24% p. a. + Statutory Expenditure + Legal expenses + Incidental charges.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property admeasuring 555 Square Feet Undivided Share of Property in a total extent of 3 Acres 19 Guntas, comprised in Survey No.6/1. Situated at Flat No.D-603 (Having built-up area of 1250 Square Feet), Sixth Floor, D-Block, "AAKRUTI AMITY", Kammasandra Village, Ananth Naga Phase 2 Uskur Gate Hosur Main Road, Bangalore. **Boundaries to the Total Extent:** North By: Ananthanagar Layout & remaining portion of Sy. No. 6/1, belonging to Lakshmana, South By : Remaining Portion of Sy No.6/3 and 60' Road, East By: Govt.Halla, West By: Ananthanagar Layout. **Boundaries of Flat:** North By: Corridor, South By: Open to Space, East By: Flat No.D 605, West By: Flat No.D 602. Within the Sub-Registration District of Basavanagudi and which is more fully and particularly described in the Title Deed No.5884/2014-2015.

Date: 15-04-2022 for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., AUTHORISED OFFICER

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD. CIN L70100MH1977PLC019916

HDFC

Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400020.
Office No. 1 to 8, Sixth Floor, Godrej Eternia C, Wing B, Wakdewadi, Shivajinagar, Pune 411005.
Regional Office : HDFC House, No.51, Kasturaba Road, Bangalore - 560001. **Ph :** 080 41183000
Fax: 080 22275754, **E-mail : customer.service@hdfc.com**, **Website:** www.hdfc.com

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the Demand Notice, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused/are getting the said Notice to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notice are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC Limited**, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amount indicated hereinbelow in their name(s), together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notice from the date mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset has been mortgaged to **HDFC Limited** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Attention of the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	(Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1	Mr. Kalligudd Murgesh M	Rs.12,87,568/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Eight Only) as on 28.02.2022	06.04.2022	Flat/Apartment **No. G-9, Ground Floor,** DSR Pride, Bommanahalli CMC Khatha **No.422,** New Khata No. 659/422/107/1/107/2/55/11b, **Sy No. 55/11b**, Haralukunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South T Q, Bengaluru admeasuring super built up area **1350 Sq. Ft. (i.e.125.41 Sq. Mtr.)** or thereabouts along with one covered car parking space in the stilt floor and undivided share in the land.

*with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to **HDFC Limited** as aforesaid, then **HDFC Limited** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **HDFC Limited.** Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 19.04.2022 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: Bengaluru HDFC Ltd., Under SARFAESI ACT, 2002

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public at large are hereby notified that my client **Sri. P. ANKAMMA CHOUDARY,** Aged about 58 Years, W/o. Sri. P. Veeraiah, Residing at No.245, 6th Cross Road, 6th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 072, has lost the original allotment Vide its' letter No.BDA/ADM/N.B./II/VI/323/1987-88 on Dated : 09-12-1987 issued by Bengaluru Development Authority in favour of Sri. H.K. Nagendra in respect of below mentioned Schedule Property. Any person tracing the said documents/ in possession of the document is requested to handover to the same to the undersigned. The public are also cautioned that the above said document shall not be used to deal in any manner whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Properties and if any such action is done, the same shall not be binding on my client. A police complaint also has been lodged with regard to the loss of the said document.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the **Property bearing BDA Site No.323, situated at 6th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru, measuring East to West : 40 Feet and North to South : 20 Feet** and bounded on :-

East by : Road, West by : Site No.372, North by : Site No.322, South by : Site No.324.

Within 7 days please inform to the above said address

Mohankumar K.T. Advocate
No.1051, 20th Main, 53rd Cross,
5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-10.
Mob No. 9845172742

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the information of general public that my client **M/s Mana Praba Projects, Builders and Developers,** represented by its Partners 1) Sri. Y. Srinivasa Reddy, 2) M. Hanumantha Reddy and 3) Venkata Rama Reddy and having its office at #494, Survey No. 11/28, Shubayoga Layout, Near Sai Baba Temple, Anagalapura Village, Bidrahalli Hobli, Bengaluru 560077 have proposed to enter into an Joint Development Agreement in respect of the property morefully described in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the schedule property with its lawful owner Mr. Mohammed Javeed Usman, aged 59 years, R/at #34, 1st Floor, Kote Mariappa Lane, OTC Road Cross, Bengaluru 560002, he having acquired under document bearing No. SHI-1- 03245-2017-18 CD No. SHUD257 dated: 31/08/2017 and to construct the multistoried residential building over the schedule property.

Any person/s having any objections / claims over the above schedule property may lodge their objections (or) claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regards to such lawful claims with the undersigned within 10 days from the date hereof, failing which my client shall proceed to enter into Joint Development Agreement and complete the registration formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Land being a vacant residential site bearing No.3CC-907 formed by the Bangalore Development Authority at Block-I, Hennur Road Banaswadi Road (HRBR) Layout, Bengaluru 560043, Corporation Ward No.98, bearing PID NO.88/250-3CC-907, measuring East to West: 12.5 meters, North to South: 18.30 meters totally measuring 222.34 square meters and bounded on **East by:** Site bearing No. 3CC-909, **West by:** Site bearing No. 3CC-905, **North by:** Site bearing No. 3CC-908, **South by:** 3rd "C" Cross Road.

L. PRAGASAM, Advocate
No. 9, 2nd 'A' Cross, CPR Layout, 3rd Main, Kammanahalli Extension,
St. Thomas Town Post, Bangalore-84.
Mob: 9901011675 / 78925 62447

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mr. ABDUL WAHAB,** has negotiated to purchase the schedule properties from **Mrs. B.H. VIJAYALAKSHMI,** W/o. Mr. S. A. Narayan, residing at No.7, Harsha Farm House, Shivakote Post & Village, Hesraghata Hobli, Bangalore - 560 089. Her family members, financial institutions and the General Public are hereby notified that if anybody has any objections, claims, charges, lien etc., if any in respect of the schedule properties may lodge their objections with documentary proof relied upon to the undersigned Address within Five (5) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, my client proceeds to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

Item No.1 : All that piece and parcel of Agricultural Land bearing **Sy.No. 9/6** measuring to an extent of **0-13 Guntas**, situated at Byranayakanahalli Village, Tyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:

East by : Land belonging to Hanumantharayappa and Land belonging to Gangahanumaka; West by : Hasiruvalli Village Border; North by : Land belonging to Gowramma; South by : Land belonging to Hanumantharayappa;

Item No.2 : All that piece and parcel of Agricultural Land bearing **Sy.No. 9/7,** (Old Sy No.9/1) measuring to an extent of **1 Acre 19 Guntas** (excluding 0-01 guntas of Kharab Land), situated at Byranayakanahalli Village, Tyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:

East by : Land in Block No.1 and Land in Sy No.9/2; West by : Land in Sy No.9/6 and Hasiruvalli Village Border; North by : Land in Sy No.6 and 9/6; South by : Land in Sy No.9/2;

Item No.3 : All that piece and parcel of Agricultural Land bearing **Sy.No. 9/8,** (Old Sy No.9/6) measuring to an extent of **0-10 Guntas** (excluding 0-01 guntas of Kharab Land), situated at Byranayakanahalli Village, Tyamagondlu Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:

East by : Land in Block No.1 ; West by : Hasiruvalli Village Border; North by : Land in Sy No.8; South by : Land in Sy.No.9/1;

VENU GOPAL. L, Advocate,
No.8, 13th Cross, Cubbonpet,
Bengaluru - 560 002. Mob: 9036494964
Bengaluru Dated: 18.04.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my clients intends to purchase the immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as 'Schedule Property' offered for sale by **Mr. ALAMPUNDI NAGARAJAN KAPALI @ A.N. KAPALEESWARAN,** S/o. Sri A.S. Nagarajan, who has represented to my clients that he is the absolute and exclusive owner of the Schedule Property and that the Schedule Property is free from claims, charges, liens, encumbrances or security interests of whatsoever nature.

Any person's, legal entities, banks and/or financial institutions or authority having or claiming any manner of right, title, interests, charges, liens, encumbrances or security interests in the Schedule Property and/or on any part or portion thereof must notify the same in writing supported with legal documentary evidence thereof to the undersigned **within 14 (Fourteen) days** from the date of publication hereof. In case no such notice is received by the undersigned **within 14 (Fourteen) days** from the date of this publication, it shall be presumed that the title of the Schedule Property is clear, marketable and free from claims, charges, liens, encumbrance or security interests of whatsoever nature. Claims or alleged right, title, interests, charges, liens, encumbrances or security interests, if any, which are not received **within 14 (Fourteen) days** from the date of this publication shall be deemed to have been waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall not be binding on my clients and my client will proceed with the sale transaction as if no valid legal claims, charges, Liens encumbrance or security interests are subsisting against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being **vacant residential Plot presently bearing Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike assigned Municipal Number 57/61 measuring in all 20691 square feet (Subject to actual physical measurement)** (Duly converted to non-agricultural residential purposes vide Official Memorandum bearing No.ALN(KRPH)SR/64/2015-16 dated: 1/12/2015 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru) situated at Kothanur Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District and forming part and parcel of property bearing Sy.No.57 (earlier to that bearing Survey No.48/3) of Kothanur Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District and bounded on the:

East by : Government Land and 25 ft Passage leading to the Schedule Property from the Main Road, **West by :** Remaining portion of the Sy.No.57, **North by :** Road and Remaining portion of the Sy.No.57, **South by :** Land belonging to Munidodla.

GANESH BHAT .Y.H, Advocate
No.22, Yamunabai Road, Madhavnagar,
Bangalore - 560 001.
E-mail: ganeshbhatyh@gmail.com
Phone: 9448384932
Place : Bangalore, Date : 18.04.2022

IKF HOME FINANCE LIMITED

IKF Home Finance

1st Floor, #6-3-902/A, Plot No. 1, Near Yashoda Hospital,
Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad-500082. Ph: 040-23412083.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

APPENDIX-IV-A [See provision to rule 8(6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to **IKF Home Finance Ltd.,** The Physical possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of IKF Home Finance Ltd., will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** basis in e-auction for recovery of the balance due to IKF Home Finance Ltd. from the Borrowers And Guarantors, as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrowers and Guarantors, amount due, Short Description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and earnest money deposit, Date and Time of Auction are also given as:

Name of Borrower/s: Mr. Ashoka. A, S/o. Mr. Mayanna, Co-Borrower : Mrs. Bhagya. H M, W/o. Mr. Ashoka, Both are R/o : No: 22/A, 1st Cross, Vinayaka, Layout, Bangalore South Bangalore-560039. **Loan A/c No: LNPEE01019-200001174.**

Outstanding Amount: Rs. 14,74,983/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Three Only) as on 25/09/2021. and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

All that Piece and Parcel of the Eastern Portion of Property bearing No: 22A, Khatha No: 2/3A, New Municipal No: 22A, BBMP PID. No: 39-43-22A of 1st Cross, Nayandahalli West Layout, Nayandahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently within the limits of BBMP Ward. No:131, and Bounded on: **East By**: Remaining Portion of 'A' Schedule property belonging to H.M.Raju, **West By**: Property No: 22B, **North By**: Road, **South By**: Property No: 23A.

Reserve Price: Rs.21,00,000/-; EMD: Rs.2,10,000/-; BID Increment: Rs. 15,000/-

Date of E-Auction: 04.05.2022, Auction Time: 11.30 AM to 12.30 PM

For any clarification please contact:	**Authorised Officer Sri. Balla Karunakar Reddy , Mob: 7995545355 and Mr. Khasim Vali Shaik, Ph.No: 9492927472** **Authorised Enforcement Agency M/s. Sharp Professionals Sri. K. Madhu Mob: 8520082322**

Last Date for submission of application for bid with EMD along with KYC documents: **02.05.2022 upto 5.00 p.m**

Inspection of property is on or before **02.05.2022 before 05.00 PM** on any working day with prior appointment.

TERMS & CONDITIONS : (1) The intending bidder should submit the evidence of EMD deposit like UTR number along with Request letter for participation in the e-Auction, self-attested copies of (i) Proof of Identification (KYC) Viz ID card/ Driving License/ Passport etc., (ii) Current Address - proof of communication, (iii) PAN card of the bidder (iv) Valid e- mail ID (v) Contact Number (vi) Scanned copies of the original documents can also be submitted to e-mail ID **recovery@ikfhomefinance.com** and Address to submit **IKF HOME FINANCE LTD.,** 1st Floor, #6-3-902/A, Plot No. 1, Near Yashoda Hospital, Raj Bhavan Road, Somajiguda, Hyderabad-500082.
(2) Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Details: EMD Amount to be deposited by way of RTGS/ NEFT in favour of IKF Home Finance Limited to the account details mentioned herein below: A/c No.: 11520200014177, IFSC: FDRL0001152, Bank Name: The Federal Bank Limited, Branch: Vijayawada - 520 002.
(3) For further clarification bidders can Contact Bank's approved service provider **M/s C1 India Pvt. Ltd., Building 301, Udyog Vihar, Phase-2, Gulf Petrochem Building, Gurgaon, Haryana-122015, https://www.bankeauctions.com, Help Line +91-124-4302020/ 21/ 22/ 23/ 24, +91-9700333933, emailID:support@bankeauctions.com and bikkina.gandhi@ c1india.com,** prior to the date of e-Auction.

Date: 18.04.2022, Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorised Officer, IKF Home Finance Ltd.**

IndoStar Capital Finance Limited

INDOSTAR

Registered Office - One World Centre, Tower 2A, 20th Floor, Jupiter Mills Compound, S B Marg, Mumbai - 400013, India
Branch Office – NO.13, CRN CHAMBERS, 4th Floor, Kasturba Road, Bangalore -560001, India.

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

I, the undersigned as the authorized officer of M/s Indostar Capital Finance LTD, hereby give the following notice to the below mentioned Borrower (S) / Co- Borrower (S) / Guarantor (S) who have grossly failed to discharge their legal liability i.e. defaulted in the repayment of the amount i.e. principal as well as the interest and other charges accrued there-on for Loan (S) Against Property (S) advanced to them by M/s Indostar Capital Finance LTD and as a consequence there-of, the Loan (S) have become Non-Performing Assets (N.P.A's) of the company. Accordingly, Notice (S) dated - 14.04.2022 were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 and rules there-to, on their last Known addresses through India Post on 16.04.2022, however the same have been delivered or returned un-served and it is apprehended that the parties mentioned here-in are avoiding the service of the same, as such the Borrower (S) / Co-Borrower (S) / GUARANTOR (S) named below are hereby intimated by way of this publication notice to clear their entire outstanding dues for the loan facilities availed and also for which securities have been created by them as detailed under:

Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower & Address	Description of the Schedule Property	Notice Date & Amount (S) Demanded
(Borrower) 1.M/S FUSION 66 #NO. 198, TERRACE FLOOR, GANDHI BAZAAR MAIN ROAD, NEXT TO ADYAR ANAND BHAVAN, BENGALURU – 560004 (C0 - Borrower) 2. Mr. N DEEPAK #240/L, 2ND D CROSS, SEETHA CIRCLE, GIRINAGAR 1ST PHASE, BANASHANKARI 3RD STAGE, SOUTH BENGALURU – 560085 (C0 - Borrower) 3.Mr. N DEEPAK #NO. 198, TERRACE FLOOR, GANDHI BAZAAR MAIN ROAD, NEXT TO ADYAR ANAND BHAVAN, BENGALURU – 560004 (Co - Borrower) 4. Mr. PRAVEEN KUMAR H #39, NEW NO 14, KARNIC ROAD, NEAR ADHI BASAVANA TEMPLE, BASAVANAGUDI, SOUTH BENGALURU - 560004 (Co - Borrower) 5. Mr. PRAVEEN KUMAR H #NO. 198, TERRACE FLOOR, GANDHI BAZAAR MAIN ROAD, NEXT TO ADYAR ANAND BHAVAN, BENGALURU – 560004 (Co - Borrower) 6. Mr. BORAIAH NAGARAJA #240/L, 2ND D CROSS, SEETHA CIRCLE, GIRINAGAR 1ST PHASE, BANASHANKARI 3RD STAGE, SOUTH BENGALURU – 560085	All the piece and parcel of residential property bearing old No. 216/1, New no. 20, 5th cross, 5th main, Chamarajpet, 30th Division, Bangalore City corporation, presently within the limits of BBMP and bounded on: East by: Conservancy and property of B. Siddalinga West by: Property of D. R. Madhavakrishnaiah North by: Conservancy and Remaining property of SAN Rao South by :Conservancy Road	14 Jan 2022 Total amounting to ₹ 1,79,34,262/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Nine Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Two Only) LOAN ACCOUNT NO LSBGL02917-180002194 & LSBGL13921-220005142

This step is being taken for substituted service of the un-served notice (S). The above mentioned Borrower (S)/ Co-Borrower (S)/ Guarantor (S) are advised to make the payments of amount demanded above along with future interest and other charges accrued there-on, within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which (without prejudice to any other right remedy available with Indostar Capital Finance LTD) further steps for taking possession of the Secured Assets/Mortgaged property will be initiated under the provisions of Sec 13 (4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of security Interest Act, 2002 and Rules there –to. The parties named above are also advised not to alienate, create third party interest in the above mentioned properties on which Indostar Capital Finance LTD has the first Charge.

Place – Bangalore Sd/-
Date – 18.04.2022 Authorised Officer

Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited

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Branch : Basavangudi Branch, No.60, Gandhi Bazar Main Road, Basavangudi, Bangalore - 560 004.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Possession of Immovable Properties U/S 13(4) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 r/w. Rule 8 (1)

Whereas,The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited Bank under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act) and in exercise of the powers conferred under sections 13(2) and 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice calling upon the Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice Within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act read with Rule 8 of the above said Rules. The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Kotak Mahindra Bank for an amount and further interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Sl No	Name of Borrower/Guarantor/Mortagor	Date of Demand Notice / Possession Notice and Outstanding Amount
1	**Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor : 1. M/s Mahalakshmi Agencies – a Partnership Firm (Borrower), Represented by Mr. Mangalaram & Paresh Dhanji Shah Kumar (Borrower)** Ground Floor, No.17, Old no. 180, 32nd D Cross, 4th Block, East Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011. **2. Mr. Mangalaram (Partner & Guarantor & Mortgagor)** No.428, 2nd Floor, 15th Cross, MTB Area, 5th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560041. **3. Mr. Paresh Dhanji Shah Kumar (Partner & Guarantor)** No.527, 11th A Cross, 9th Main, Delmia Circle, JP Nagar, 2nd Phase, Bangalore-560078.	**13.01.2022 / 13.04.2022 as on 31.03.2022 - Rs.55,16,149/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Sixteen Thousand One Hundred and Forty Nine Only)**
	Description of the Immovable Property : Property – 1 : Owned by Mr. Mangalaram - All that piece and parcel of the partial non-residential property and partial residential property bearing BBMP Municipal new No.37 (Old No. 1302), presently within the jurisdiction of BBMP, bearing PID No: 58-62-37, 25th Main Road, 9th Block Jayanagar (Old Jayanagar Extension) Bangalore, Measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 30 feet, in total measuring 1200 Sq. ft., along with the building comprising of Ground floor non-residential building with 800 sq. ft. of built up area and first floor residential building with 100 sq. ft. of built up area, totally 900 sq. ft. of built up area and bounded follows : **East by :** Road; **West by :** Property No: 1326; **North by :** Property No: 1301 and **South by :** Property No: 1303. Together with existing buildings and structures thereon and buildings and structures as may be erected/constructed there upon any time from/after the dare of respective mortgage and all additions thereto and all fixtures and furniture's and plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, both present and future.	
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Date : 13.04.2022 For KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK Ltd
Place : Bangalore Sd/- (Authorised Officer)

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DAY'S DIARY

Australia spotted

On April 19, 1770, Captain James Cook became the first British explorer to spot Australia while on his first expedition

THE EXPEDITION

Cook was appointed commander of the first scientific expedition organised in 1768 by the Royal Society, in conjunction with the Admiralty, to the Pacific

NAVIGATING THE DOWN UNDER

Cook successfully navigated Queensland's Great Barrier Reef—reckoned as one of the greatest navigational hazards—taking the Coral Sea and the Torres Strait in his stride

NEW ZEALAND FOUND

Going south and southwest from Tahiti, Cook found and charted all of New Zealand, a difficult job that took six months

Shivanna and Prabhudheva to work together

PG 4

AFTER STRUGGLING WITH ANXIETY, LATE PANDIT RAVI SHANKAR'S YOUNGEST DISCIPLE RISHAB SHARMA USES 'SIT MEDITATION' TO MANAGE MENTAL HEALTH

MUSIC AS MEDICINE

ANILA KURIAN

RISHAB Sharma is a 23-year-old with big shoes to fill. He's the fourth generation of the renowned Rikhi Ram family, known for making classical instruments, and was also the youngest disciple of late Pt Ravi Shankar. He's now touring India and promoting his pet project Sitar for Mental Health. As part of the tour, he was in Bengaluru last week where he performed at Bira91 Taproom and the Bangalore International Centre.

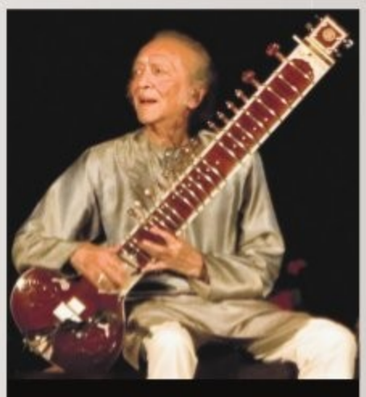
"This is the second India tour that I'm doing in less than six months. It's just great to perform live once again after two years. Like most artistes, I too had a difficult time coping with the pandemic when we had to perform just in front of a camera. It gave me a lot of anxiety. That's when I reached out to my audience on social media and realised that my music has been helping them overcome their issues as well," he says while explaining the concept of Sitar for Mental Health.

By using social media as a way to vent his frustration and take care of his own mental health, his followership jumped from 4,000 followers to 49.7k followers over time. "Before the pandemic, I was at the peak of my career where I performed for more than 3,000 people in stadia abroad. I was the only solo sitarist to play when Prime Minister Modi came to New York too. So, going from that to just seeing yourself every day definitely took a toll on my mental health," Sharma says.

As for his performance in Bengaluru recently, it was probably one of his biggest shows. On the occasion, he paid tribute to his guruji Pt Shankar on his birth anniversary. "The first half focussed on meditation while the second half saw local artistes from the city jam together," Sharma explains, adding that it was a feel-good event where even *Pink Panther* music was played. "There's also an interactive session where I asked the audience to turn to their sides and talk about their feelings to a stranger. It makes for a great ice-breaker and you end up making a new friend," he says.

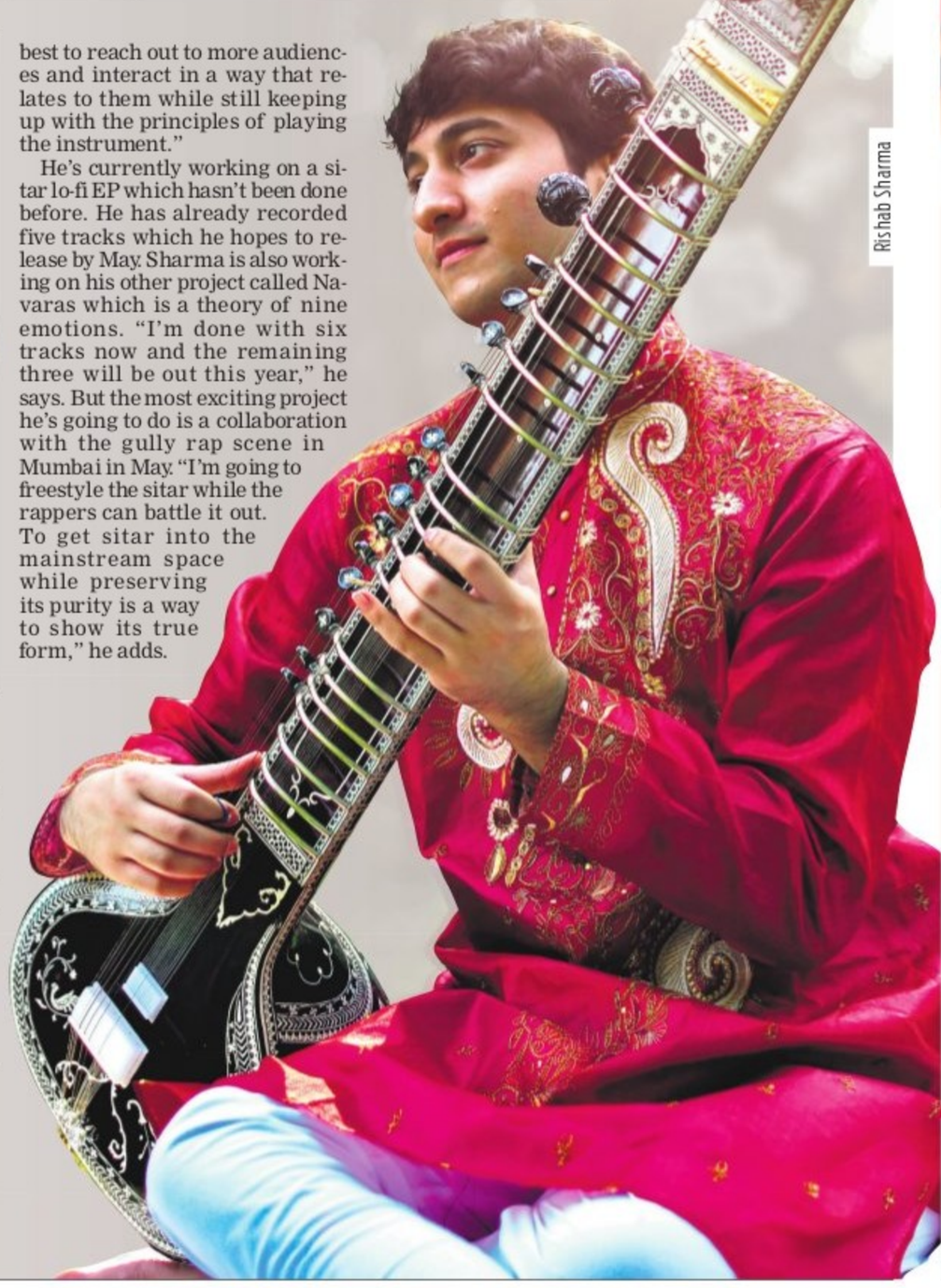
Sharma's plan of introducing the sitar with modern music is a way to get more people interested in the instrument. He explains, "It's a need of the hour, to be honest. During the '60s, there was a boom in classical music abroad. But after guruji passed away, it took a backseat. We need another maestro like him. I'm doing my best to reach out to more audiences and interact in a way that relates to them while still keeping up with the principles of playing the instrument."

He's currently working on a sitar lo-fi EP which hasn't been done before. He has already recorded five tracks which he hopes to release by May. Sharma is also working on his other project called Navaras which is a theory of nine emotions. "I'm done with six tracks now and the remaining three will be out this year," he says. But the most exciting project he's going to do is a collaboration with the gully rap scene in Mumbai in May. "I'm going to freestyle the sitar while the rappers can battle it out. To get sitar into the mainstream space while preserving its purity is a way to show its true form," he adds.



WORKING WITH Pt RAVI SHANKAR

Rishab Sharma started training with famed musician Ravi Shankar at the age of 10. "He was very clever with his words. He was strict when we were practising but soon after, he was friendly and would even ask questions about who my girlfriend was," he laughs.



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STARTUP WATCH

Vismaya B N, Pallavi G & Prarthana B

BACKSTORY

Fond Solutions is a Bengaluru-based pet wellness startup launched in January 2022 by Pallavi G, BN Vismaya and Prarthana B. The startup aims to become a go-to destination for pet health needs by monitoring and tracking the pets through digital technologies.

FINANCE FUNDA

The startup received a funding of ₹1.5 crore from PESU VENTURE LABS (CoCreate ventures).

USP

The startup offers smart wearables that monitor the overall health and tracks the food intake of the pets to provide meaningful insights to the pet parents. They currently have two products that work on a subscription basis. It includes Foodie, a smart automatic pet food dispenser and FluFit, a pet fitness and health tracker. Both these products work together as a system to enable remote monitoring of pets through the Fond app.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The startup is currently targeting dog parents in India with major interests from Bengaluru, Mumbai and Hyderabad.

TWO EAT, OR NOT TWO EAT

Once a fitness fad to eat every two hours, nutritionists now find that an unnecessary insulin spike might just be damaging to the body

MONIKA MONALISA

LIVING during a time when information is at the tip of our fingertips, comes with its own set of challenges. Distinguishing between right and wrong has become all the more hard now. And when it comes to fitness, everyone has an opinion of what can work and what can't.

For example, until recently, the fitness fad was eating every two hours, which now, nutritionists themselves feel is not the right way to go about it.

In the hope of finding the right way of eating and having a 'slim body', fitness coach Pooja Sharma has tried many food fads, one of them being eating every two hours. "I had tried this two-hour technique without fully researching it. But now I've realised it's best to just listen to your body," says Sharma of *MTV Roadies* fame. "Earlier, people used to hunt and eat their food and had a set time for it. Meals every two hours were never readily available for them," explains Sharma, adding that people should eat their food based on body requirements and not by counting calories.

Vivek Subramanyam, founder and CEO of LiveAltLife, a diabetes reversal programme, says earlier people only had 2-3 meals a day. However, it has now gone upto six meals. "Every time we eat, there is an insulin response in our body and more insulin can lead to issues like obesity," says Subramanyam, adding that now even children are facing obesity issues for the same reason.

Though it is ideal for people to have 2-3 filling meals, two-hour meals usually work for people in special cases, says city-based nutritionist Gaurvi Vinay, adding, "People with acidity and acid reflux need food at shorter intervals. It is not a blanket rule though. Today, in the name of snacking, people eat big portions of fruit and nuts which are not required for the body...there is no need for a huge evening snack either. Just because it is 4 pm, you need not snack if you are not hungry."

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Gaurvi Vinay, nutritionist

Pooja Sharma

City-based filmmaker Chitra Barman's internationally-acclaimed silent film *Blooms of Longing* is about a homosexual couple and their trials & tribulations

MONIKA MONALISA

THEY say true love is hard to get but once found should be handled with patience. But how does one get over the loss of true love? Words could fall short to explain the feeling but city-based filmmaker 's *Blooms of Longing* beautifully captures it. The short film has been screened at international film festivals like Liftoff Film Festival and Think Shorts Festival, Paus Premiere Festival and River Meets Mountain International Film Festival.

The film, which is currently available on YouTube, is about a homosexual couple and how they get over their breakup. "It is a 10-minute silent film. The story is about a gay man whose memories of his ex-lover haunt him," says Barman, adding that she had approached the story in an experimental way. She particularly chose to do a silent film because, according to her, sometimes it is silence that speaks more than words. She also firmly believes that there won't be any distraction between the actors and audience.

If you watch closely, the entire film is the love story in reverse. Barman explains that the story starts with the protagonist's present day scenario and goes back in time. For example, in one of the scenes, the couple has had a fight and both are lying down on bed. "One person is turning to one side and the other has turned to the other side, which is usually the case with any couple when they have a fight. And in the next scene, his partner is sitting and crying in the shower and the protagonist is bleeding. That is to indicate that it was an abusive relationship," explains Barman. Finally, the last scene shows the lead reminiscing the time when he had gone to a pub, where his ex-lover was a bartender and he had met him for the first time.

A still from the film

Barman, who works for a production house where she writes subtitles for movies and television shows, says the story is very personal to her. "My husband's friend, who committed suicide during the last lockdown, was living with his partner for the last eight years. Their love story was my inspiration. Everything appeared fine. Since his partner loved Italian food, he used to grow Italian herbs in the kitchen garden," says Barman, adding it was moving for her to come across so much love. "It's a sort of tribute to this couple," she says.

Chitra Barman

EXPRESS READ

Handicraft exhibition to be held from April 22

Indian Craft Collective, a 10-day handicraft and handloom exhibition will be held between April 22 and May 2. The exhibition will showcase a wide range of silk and cotton sarees, arts and crafts, furniture and a lot more at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath. The exhibition is curated to give a platform to 75 craftsmen to display their products and some unique collectables. Some of the products include tribal jewellery, Jaipuri bed linen, Kolhapuri chappals, Kashmiri shawls and sarees and much more.

Online summer camp for students

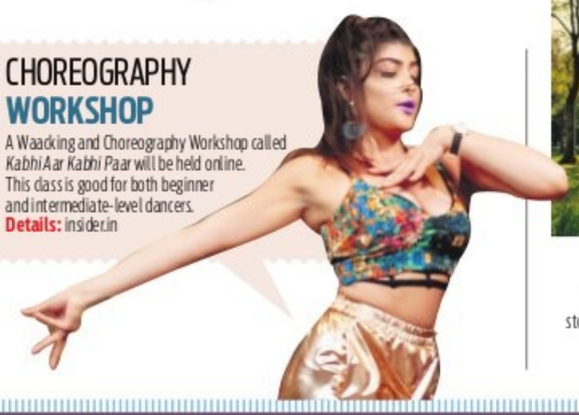
Bengaluru-based 3E Home school, is organising an online summer camp, which will be conducted by specialised online experts. The summer camp will include dancing, fireless cooking, adventure experiential learning, virtual tour, story telling, robotics, yoga, gardening, theatre and drama. The summer camp will be held till May 11 from 10am-12.30pm. For registrations, visit 3E Home School website.

COFFEE BREAK

Beat the heat with Maverick & Farmer's range of coffee beverages curated for summer. Some of the brews and blends in the offering include Cinnamon Almond Coffee, Espresso Citron, Vietnamese iced Coffee, Coffee Cherry Soda, Clarified Cappuccino and Old Smokey Pour Over.
Where: Ulsoor
Details: 63662 30336

CHOREOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

A Waacking and Choreography Workshop called *Kabhi Aar Kabhi Paar* will be held online. This class is good for both beginner and intermediate-level dancers.
Details: insider.in



STORY TELLING SHOW

Safarnama – the emotion called life – brings to you an innovative storytelling show involving myriad emotions and nuances. It will be an online event which will be aired on Zoom.
When: April 24, 6 pm onwards **Details:** insider.in

DANCE EVENT

Dance company Prabhat Arts International will be presenting a new dance musical - *18 days- The Kurukshetra war*. The musical dance show is directed by artistes Bharat R Prabhath and Sharat R Prabhath.
When: April 23, 6.15 pm-8 pm **Where:** Ravindra Kalakshetra, JC Road
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

Comedy Show Alert

Open mics are where the comedy scene is built. Just Blr Comedy Club brings you it's daily dose of comedy where the most hilarious and seasoned comedians will lighten up your mood. **When:** Till April 28 **Where:** Just Blr, Brigade Road **Tickets:** bookmyshow.com

Awesome Appetisers

An online workshop for foodies who will get an opportunity to learn healthy, easy-peasy and delicious recipe every day for 30 days.
When: Till May 15
Details: insider.in

Dance Alert

On the eve of World Dance Day, Ashish Mohan Khokar's 'atTenDance' will see its 22nd edition. 108 dancers will participate, including Vani Ganapathy and Lalitha Srinivasan. **When:** April 28, 6 pm
Where: Khincha Auditorium, Race Course Road

Pottery Time

Pottery workshops for skill building and therapy is being organised at Lahe Lahe. Try your hand at the clay world and learn a new skill for yourself.
When: April 19-30 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

Party Scene

Anjunadeep's Martin Roth returns to Bengaluru after four years. He will be playing an extended set outdoors at AQUA. It'll be a beautiful melodic house and techno journey you do not want to miss.
When: April 24 **Venue:** The Park Bangalore, MG Road **Details:** insider.in

Short Play Festival

Pravara Theatre and Ashvagosha Theatre Trust are organising Bengaluru Short Play Festival 2022 to set up a platform to stage short, impactful plays and bring the theatre fraternity together. The screenings will be held between **April 30** and **May 1**. **Where:** Prabhath K H Kalasoudha Hanumanthanagara

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

SPICY WATERMELON JUICE

INGREDIENTS

- **Seedless watermelon:** 1 cup, cubed
- **Freshly squeezed lemon juice:** 1 tsp
- **Mint leaves:** 10-12
- **Chilli powder:** a pinch, for serving
- **Fresh mint sprigs:** For serving
- **Ice cubes:** 10-12
- **Salt:** a pinch

METHOD

- Pulse the watermelon in the blender until finely juiced.
- Add lemon juice, mint leaves and grind again.
- Mix salt and red chilli and coat the rim of the glass with it.
- Pour the dring in the glass, add ice cubes and enjoy.

— Ayousha Sharma, Hyderabad

FIT BIT

PARIVRTTA ADHO MUKHA SVANASANA

(REVOLVED DOWNWARD-FACING DOG POSE)

This is a relatively challenging variation of Adho Mukha Svanasana. It provides a deeper stretch of the hamstrings and stimulates the abdominal area. It can be used to energize the nervous system. It may help to relieve stress, headaches and fatigue. Traditionally, it is associated with stimulating the Manipura (Navel) Chakra, which helps increase feelings of self-confidence, strength and power. It generates internal heat, which can help in overcoming fears or nervousness.

STEPS

- Balance your body on your arms and knees.
- Keeping toes firm, lift knees off the floor while exhaling. Keep the elbows and knees straight.
- Stretch the arms forward to keep the upper body tilted towards the front. Lift the hips as much as you can so that body makes an inverted V-shape. This is Adho Mukha Svanasana (Downward-Facing Dog Pose).
- Then, inhale and exhale; bring your left hand to your right ankle.
- Hold here for several breaths.
- Now, inhale and return to downward-facing dog pose.
- Exhale and bring your right hand to your left ankle.
- Then, face inwards and gaze at your navel. Hold here for several breaths.

BENEFITS

- Deeply stretches the hamstrings, calves, feet, and hands.
- Helps to relieve stress.
- Helps move prana energy to the periphery of the body.
- Regulates the excretory system and helps maintain internal chemical homeostasis.
- Aids in waste elimination from the mouth, eyes, ears, nose & throat.
- Strengthens your arms, shoulders, and back.
- Improves mobility in your digestive system.
- Relieves back pain, headaches, insomnia, and fatigue.
- Releases tension from your spine.

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By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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1 MICRO-POWER PLANTS TO BRING ELECTRICITY TO MILLIONS BY ANIL RAJ
Reliable electricity remains a distant dream for too many people around the world and simply linking to the existing grid can be cost prohibitive. In this talk, Anil Raj proposes an alternative: micropower plants, small-scale renewable energy sources connected to a minigrid.

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Bjørn Otto Sverdrup, head of the Oil and Gas Climate Initiative (OGCI), describes a possible path for the industry to pivot to net-zero operations, reimagining the role it could play in helping decarbonize the economy and changing how we consume energy – and he calls for setting a price on carbon.

4 THE TRANS STORY INCLUDES YOU BY NICOLE MAINES
As actress Nicole Maines points out, we all unwittingly play supporting roles in each others' life stories – for better or worse. She shares her experience growing up as a trans youth, emphasising the big and small ways community acceptance can affect the course of a personal journey.

5 WHY WE NEED MORE DOGS IN HOSPITALS BY YUKO MORITA
In this moving talk – guest-starring her canine colleague Bailey – Yuko Morita describes how she became one of Japan's first facility dog trainers. Alongside videos of Bailey providing emotional support to patients at a Yokohama children's clinic, she makes the case for bringing dogs (and their healthcare professional handlers) into hospitals.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

ENNA SOLLA POGIRAI (Tamil)
Three individuals with clear notions of romance discover the indefinable magic that is love when they end up in a triangular romantic relationship.
Cast: Teju Ashwini, Delhi Ganesh, Ashwin Kumar Lakshminathan
- **Watch on:** ZEE5

NARADAN
(Malayalam)
When a colleague lands a coveted job, a journalist throws away his moral principles and writes fabricated and half-baked stories to become a major influencer.
Cast: Tovino Thomas, Anna Ben Nayarambalam, Rajesh Madhavan, Sharaf U Dheen
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NINNA SANIHAKE (Kannada)
Aditya and Amrutha meet each other at a prank-off and grow to be lovers; eventually, they get into a live-in relationship and discover each other as they try to overcome family troubles, societal norms, and trust issues that threaten their future.
Cast: Dhanya Ramkumar, Suraj Gowda, Aruna Balraj, Manjunath Hegde
- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

FREEDOM FIGHT (Malayalam)
An anthology movie based on five stories. Each story reveals the necessity of freedom for different individuals in society.
Cast: Rajisha Vijayan, Joju George, Sidhartha Siva, Rohini
- **Watch on:** Sony LIV

TAANAKKARAN
(Tamil)
The movie deals with the hardships a slew of young police trainees face at a training camp. Vikram plays an aggressive trainee who questions senior officers who are ruthless during the training sessions. How he has to face the music for the same forms the movie's plot.
Cast:
Vikram Prabhu, Lal, MS Bhaskar
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Disney+ Hotstar

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

SHARMAJI NAMKEEN (Hindi)
When a widower is forced into early retirement, he sets about finding another occupation. He meets a widowed boutique owner, and the two start to form a relationship.
Cast: Rishi Kapoor, Paresh Rawal, Juhi Chawla, Isha Talwar
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SASHI (Telugu)
Raj, an alcoholic singer with anger issues, falls in love with Sashi, a woman with a traumatic past. As they grow close, their respective troubles threaten to ruin them.
Cast: Aadi, Raashi Singh, Surbhi, Rajeev Kankala
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FOREIGN

THE TAMING OF THE SHREWD
(English)
When a heartbroken scientist moves back home to start over, her scheming brother hires a handsome stranger to convince her to sell their land.
Cast: Magdalena Lamparska, Mikolaj Roznerski, Piotr Cyrwus
- **Watch on:** Netflix

METAL LORDS (English)
For teenage misfits Hunter and Kevin, the path to glory is clear: devote themselves to metal, win Battle of the Bands, and be worshipped like gods.
Cast: Jaeden Martell, Isis Hainsworth, Noah Urrea, Brett Gelman
- **Watch on:** Netflix

THE WAY OF THE HOUSEHUSBAND
(Anime)
A retired gangster spends his time as a househusband carrying out home chores.
Cast: Kenjirô Tsuda, Shizuka Itô, Kazuyuki Okitsu
- **Watch on:** Netflix

GHOSTBUSTERS AFTERLIFE
(English)
When a single mother and her two children move to a new town, they soon discover they have a connection to the original Ghostbusters and the secret legacy their grandfather left behind.
Cast: Paul Rudd, Mckenna Grace, Finn Wolfhard, Bill Murray
- **Watch on:** Netflix

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Netflix: ₹ 149 per month

All you need to know about ukulele

IN 2020, when lockdown first hit, ukulele sales soared around the world, at one point, taking over the guitar. People between 20 and 60 were giving the instrument a try to beat the lockdown blues. Here are some interesting facts about the ukulele:

(The authors run SaPa - the Subramaniam Academy of Performing Arts)

1. Many Indians think of the ukulele as a 'chota guitar' but it has many unique qualities. Since it has just four strings, it is relatively easy to play. It is estimated that on average, you can learn a new song every three minutes.
2. The ukulele comes in different sizes and variations. There is the bass ukulele, which has thick rubber strings and sounds like a double bass when connected to an amplifier. There is also a banjo ukulele (aka banjo-lele), which is a hybrid of the two instruments.
3. The love for the instrument actually soared in the mid '90s. This was after a documentary in which George Harrison and Paul McCartney from The Beatles declared themselves as fans of the ukulele. George Harrison even wrote a note where he says that everyone should carry and play the ukulele.
4. The originating country of the ukulele is left to debate. While it is considered a Hawaiian instrument, many historians claim that Portuguese immigrants brought it to the island during their search of better opportunities. However, it gained popularity in Hawaii where it was seen as a sign of royalty.

The ukulele is easy to play and carry during weekend getaways. It comes as no surprise that its sales grew by 300 per cent during the pandemic, as it is one of the most adaptable instruments that will continue to have its place even otherwise. If you are looking to explore a new musical instrument, ukulele is a great one.

'BUTTING IN' FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Wildlife and environment conservationist Nirit Datta, who is fighting cigarette butt pollution, speaks to *CE* about his pan-India campaign

Nirit Datta

SANATH PRASAD

WHEN you smoke a cigarette next time, remember the environmental impact along with the health implications. Nirit Datta, a Kolkata-based environment conservationist, started smoking three years ago only to cut down after realising the damage that cigarette butts do to the environment. This was the trigger to start ButtRush, a pan-India community which is leading the fight against cigarette butt pollution. Datta is coming to Bengaluru on April 28 to meet corporates to raise funds to fuel the drive.

Datta is quick to 'butt in' that the community is neither anti-smokers nor a solution for recycling cigarette butts, but an effort to fight climate change. "We work on a 24-hour environmental marathon where our members are on the streets collecting the butts. We manually count the cigarette butts and pack them in containers. So far, we have collected around 4 lakh butts from cities like Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kolkata and Delhi, among others," says Datta, who quit his Bengaluru corporate job and took up wildlife conservation to rescue snakes and birds.

Datta believes the campaign is also to fight the tobacco companies and make them realise its impacts. The 25-year-old who crowdfunds the campaign says, "These butts are made of cellulose acetate, a hazardous plastic material that is as harmful as plastic pollution. If you put a cigarette butt in a one litre of water with a small fish in it, the fish will die in the next 48 hours. Similarly, it's polluting the freshwater, marine ecosystem, degrading the soil and is harmful to stray animals who mindlessly consume it."

In Bengaluru, HSR Layout, Koramangala, Whitefield and surrounding areas make up for the highest rate for butt pollution. "In January this year, we collected around 27,000 butts, out of which 5,000 alone were in HSR Layout. We also went about surveying smokers in India on how the butts are made and only two out of 800 smokers knew the answer. We also collect data on their smoking behaviour, ways of disposal, areas where butts are found in large numbers and much more. We will be doing this in all the Tier-1 cities because this is where most of the pollution emerges," says Datta.

IN THIN AIR

Bengaluru- 27,000 butts (January 2022)

Most Polluted areas: HSR Layout, Koramangala, Whitefield and Electronic City

No. of butts collected across different states: 4 lakh

Highest polluted areas: Corporate offices, engineering colleges, pub areas

No. of volunteers: 288

Total distance covered: 3,000 km on foot

HOW IT WORKS

To volunteer, contact Nirit Datta on Instagram/LinkedIn. The 24-hour marathon collection drive is announced three weeks in advance. The drive is on weekends, starting at 6 am. Members collect butts in different areas. They also collect data on smoking patterns, disposal options, analyse environmental degradation.

With B'lureans having to leave their pets behind at home these days, a pet training centre is organising a programme for parents with anxious dogs to learn how to deal with such situations

HELPING PAWRENTS

ANILA KURIAN

The therapy session in progress at The Collar Club | SHRIRAM BN

SATURDAY mornings have been a fun one for pet parents in the city as they have been gathering at The Collar Club for the 'Therepaw', a four-week programme for pet parents with nervous or reactive dogs.

In its second week, new and old pawrents gathered to work with in-house trainer Tara James and Nikita Moses, both owners of The Collar Club, along with therapist Atthaliah Simmons and wellness therapist Ashritha.

After participants introduced themselves and shared what having pets mean to them, Simmons explained how dogs tend to pick the emotions that humans display to them. Throughout the session, therapy dog Ania, an eight-month-old Rottweiler, worked with the pawrents.

This was followed by a mirror exercise where each participant was asked to face the mirror and notice their rections when they see words like 'happy', 'sad', 'disgust', 'angry', 'fearful' and 'surprised'. Simmons added that sessions like this are important for everyone, especially after the pandemic.

"The only thing that kept everyone going was knowing that they weren't the only ones facing it. But it also brought about a tonne of anxiety which everyone is dealing with on their own. As a pet parent, you tend to do that little extra to stay calm but may not physically show it, which the pet tends to pick up. That's why such exercises are crucial," she explains.

The session also saw mimicking activities and co-regulation in pairs. Wellness therapist Ashritha took over with a yoga session for the participants. The session closed with a calming 30-minute activity. "I'm going to try it out now with my pet and hopefully, I will see some changes," said one of the participants. Ania was also part of the yoga session where she gave plenty of licks and fist bumps to the participants.

The third week covered the importance of individual coping skills, psychoeducation on trauma and its effects on anxiety and teaching individuals anxiety management skills like ground, square breathing, drivers response and sighing.

The last week will have a discussion on individual challenges while managing anxiety.

To sign up for the upcoming sessions, log on to thecollarclub.co.in

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) AEISHA KUDARI, spouse of NO JC – 313248F NB/ SUB BADASHA GHATIN Residing at post – Yadawad, Tq – Dharwad, Dist – Dharwad, Karnataka State, Pin : 581206, Have changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) AEISHA GHATIN** Vide Affidavit Dated 11.04.2022 sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

I, SERVICE NO 15331911H SPR BATHINI KRISHNA of unit : 441 FD COY, 18 ENGR REGT, C/O 56 APO, Pin : 914018, Have changed My Mother Name from **(OLD NAME) RAMANARAVAMMA** to **(NEW NAME) BATHINI RAMANARSAMMA** vide Affidavit Dated 13.04.2022 sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

I, (OLD NAME) SANGITA Spouse of No 15332203H HAV VINOD KUMAR Residing at Vill: Shaheed Nagar, Post: SADAR, Dist: Agra, State: Uttar Pradesh, Pin: 282001, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) SANGITA RAV BHARTI** Vide Affidavit Dated 13.04.2022 Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

I, SERVICE NO JC – 313248F NB/ SUB BADASHA GHATIN of unit : CIW, Depot BN, MEG & CENTRE, Bangalore 560042, Have changed My Daughter **(OLD NAME) SANIYA** to **(NEW NAME) SANIYA GHATIN** And Son Name **(OLD NAME) MABUSUBANI** to **(NEW NAME) MABUSUBANI GHATIN** Vide Affidavit Dated 11.04.2022 sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

I, PAVITRA TANTRY, D/o. Keshava Tantry, R/a.No.37/11, 11th cross, 17th main, Gajendra Nagar, Muneshwara Block, Bengaluru-26, have Changed my name for personal and family reasons from **"PAVITRA TANTRY"** to **"PAVITHRA TANTRY"** for all purposes, by an Affidavit sworn to before Notary public **Dr. B.K.R. Krishnamurthy. LLB, Ph.D., Dated 16-04-2022** at Bangalore. Henceforth I shall be known by my new name of **"PAVITHRA TANTRY"** only.

We, **MADHUSUDAN GANDA,** S/o Ramachandraiah Ganda, aged about 46 years and **SILPAKALA BYRA,** W/o Madhusudan Ganda, aged about 46 years, R/at #22, Ground Floor, 5th Main, 5th Cross, Papaiah Garden, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085, do hereby declare that we have changed our minor son's name from **GNANESHWAR GANDA** to **GNANESHWAR GANDI,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **GNANESHWAR GANDI** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th April 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D.S. CHANDRAKANTH** at Bangalore.

We, **MADHUSUDAN GANDA,** S/o Ramachandraiah Ganda, aged about 46 years and **SILPAKALA BYRA,** W/o Madhusudan Ganda, aged about 46 years, R/at #22, Ground Floor, 5th Main, 5th Cross, Papaiah Garden, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085, do hereby declare that we have changed our minor son's name from **GANDA KRISHNA MANOHAR** to **AMEESH GANDI,** henceforth he shall be known and called as **AMEESH GANDI** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 16th April 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D.S. CHANDRAKANTH** at Bangalore.

I, KUMARAN UMAMAHESWAR, S/o Subramanian Umamaheswar, R/o No. 90, 1st Cross, Da Costa Square, St. Thomas Town, bangalore-560 084 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KUMARAN UMAMAHESWARAN** to **KUMARAN UMAMAHESWAR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KUMARAN UMAMAHESWAR** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th April 2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **YANKOBA** at Bangalore.

I, SHEIKH EFTIKHAR ALI, S/o Khadeer Vali S K, R/at # 25, 2nd Floor, 5th Main, 6th Cross, S.R. Nagar, Bengaluru-27 Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from EFITHI KARE ALI S.K. to **SHEIKH EFTIKHAR ALI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SHEIKH EFTIKHAR ALI** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th April 2022 sworn before Advocate and Notary **MEER HASSAN** at Bangalore.

I, NAZEEMA NAZIR AHMED, W/o Nazir Ahmed, R/at No. 349, 14th Cross, Bowrilalpet, Momin School, Robertsonpet, Bangarpet Taluk, Kolar District-563112, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **NAZEEMA** to **NAZEEMA NAZIR AHMED,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **NAZEEMA NAZIR AHMED** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th April 2022, sworn before Notary **S.I. Balaguru** at Bangalore.

I, LISHA JAIN D/o **Sunil Kumar. D** aged about 18 Years, R/at H No.332, 66th Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Behind Venkat Public School, Bangalore - 560010, have changed my name to **LISHA JAIN SUNIL KUMAR** vide affidavit dated: 8/4/2022 before notary **Hegde Ganapati Venkatraman** Bangalore.

I, MANISH KUMAR, aged 32 years, S/o. Sri **Satyanarayan Ray,** residing of Flat No. 201, Essjay Divine Bliss Apartments, 4th Main Road, BHEL Layout, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru -560098, have changed my name to **MANISH VISHIST** vide affidavit dated 15-04-2022 sworn before Notary **H.S. SAKALESH ARADHYA,** BENGALURU.

I, NISHAT W/o **Rizwan Iqbal S K** R/at No.42, 2nd Cross, Rajanna Layout, RBI Extension, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru- 560011 have changed my name to **NISHATH** vide affidavit dated: 16/4/2022 Before Notary **Meer Hassan** Bangalore.

I, PALLAVI KHAJURIA D/o **INDERJEET KHAJURIA** (Father) and W/o **MUNISH SHARMA,** resident of No. 140, 7th Cross, 5th Main Road, KEB Layout, RMV 2nd Stage PO, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru-560094, Karnataka, have changed my name from **PALLAVI KHAJURIA to PALLAVI SHARMA** sworn vide Affidavit dated:18-April-2022 before Notary **N Peruvazhuthi** at Bangalore.

I, SUNITHA SHIVAKUMAR R/at No.558, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Nagendra Block, BSK 1st Stage, Srinagar, Bangalore- 560050 have changed my name to **SUNITHA DEVASSY** vide affidavit dated:17/04/2022 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

I, SYED IMRANUDDEEN S/o **Syed Ameenuddin,** R/at No.2, C No. 5th Street Chandni Chowk Road Cross, Shivaajinagar Bengaluru- 560051 have changed my name to **SYED IMRANUDDIN** vide affidavit dated:16/4/2022 Before Notary **Meer Hassan** Bangalore.

I, TASNEEM KAUSER. Age 47 years, W/o. Mohammed Shakeel Ahmed. No.215, B. 8th Main, Shanti Niketan Layout, Arekere, Near Sai Baba Temple, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560 076. do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **TASNEEM SHAKEEL TO TASNEEM KAUSER.** vide affidavit dated 14/04/2022 sworn before advocate & Notary S.R. ThulasiKrishna, Bengaluru.

I, MOHAMMAD SHAHBAAZ, Residing at # 69, Fortune Valley, Near Mariyannanpalya, Church, Kempegowda Main Road, Hebbal, Dasarahalli, Bangalore-560024, have changed my name to **MOHAMMED SHAHBAAZ** vide affidavit dated: 07.04.2022 before Notary ARAVIND PATIL .G.G, Bangalore.

I, KIRRON SHYAM, S/o. Shyam Mangu, R/at # 10/1, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru -560094, have changed my name to **KIRAN SHYAM MANGU** vide affidavit dated: 18.04.2022 before notary **HEMALATHA .P,** Bengaluru.

I, Mr. MOHAMAD RAFIQ S/o Ghulam ud Din Hajam, residing at Flat no. 11403, Prestige tranquility, Budigere cross, Nandi grand super market, Bommanahalli, Mandur post, Bengaluru-560049. have changed my name from **MOHAMAD RAFIQ HAJAM** to **Mr. MOHAMAD RAFIQ** vide affidavit Dated: 16/04/2022 before Notary ARUNA. V, Bangalore.

I, YUVANSHANKAR .B.R residing at No.793, 'STHIRA AASTHI', Flat No. S1, Bank Officer's Layout, Doddakallasandra 1st Stage, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore - 560062, the father of **SIDHI YUVAN** hereby changed her name as **RAKSHITA .Y,** vide affidavit dated 16th Day of April 2022, before Notary Public MAHESHA .J.J, Bangalore.

I, Mrs. SWAPNA .V, W/o. Anil Kumar .K.V, aged about 43 years, Residing at No. 89, Anjanadri Layout, 5th Cross, Shettihalli Bangalore North, Bengaluru, Jalahalli West, Karnataka - 560 015, Karnataka hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SWAPNA ANIL KUMAR** to **SWAPNA .V,** vide affidavit dated 13.04.2022, sworn before N. Mahesha, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, KAMALAMMA, W/o. Late Hanumanthaiah, aged about 74 years, residing at # 64, Medarahalli, Chikkabanavara Post, Bangalore North Taluk, Karnataka - 560 090, hereby declare that both the names i.e., **LAKSHNAMMA** and **KAMALAMMA** refers to single person that is myself. But my correct name is **KAMALAMMA,** vide affidavit dated 21.03.2022, sworn to before N. Mahesha, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

I, NAGARAJ LHENNA GOWDA, aged 40 years, S/o Sri. Chennegowda, R/a. No 305/12,3rd Main, 4th Cross, Nagappa Block, L.N. Puram, Bangalore – 560 021, have changed my name from **NAGARAJ LHENNA GOWDA** to **NAGARAJ CHENNE GOWDA,** vide affidavit dated 18.04.2022 sworn to before Notary Onkarappa N.R., Bangalore. and hereafter, I shall be called and known as **NAGARAJ CHENNE GOWDA.**

I, NUVIN MEHABUSAB SHIRAHATTI, S/o. Mabusab Shirahatti, Aged about 37 years, permanent address: Kanavi, Gadag, Karnataka - 582 103, Now at No. 30, 2nd Cross, Behind Prestige Apartment, Vijayanagar, Whitefield Post, Bangalore - 560 066, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SAIYADSULEMAN MABUSAB SHIRAHATTI** to **NUVIN MEHABUSAB SHIRAHATTI** vide affidavit dated 31.3.2022 sworn to before Vyshali .K, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

I, MOHAMMED KALIM ABDUL HALIM QURESHI, S/o Abdul Halim Qureshi, R/o My Nest Apartments A-110, 2nd floor, Golahalli mn road Shikari playa, Electronic city phase-1 B'lore 560100, have changed my name as **MOHAMMED KALIM QURESHI,** vide affidavit dated 18/04/2022 sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, B'lore.

I, PRIYANGI RAVINDRA SINGH SINGHVI, C/o Ravindra Singh Singhvi, R/o P-7, 4th floor, Mana Jardin Off sarjapur road Doddakannalli, Carmelram, B'lore - 560035 have changed my name as **PRIYANGI SINGHVI,** vide affidavit dated 18/04/2022 sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, B'lore.

I, SHARATH KUMAR PRABHAKAR SHETTY. B, S/o Prabhakar Shetty.G R/o I-204, Mantri Alpyne uttarhalli kengeri road, Banashankari 5th stage Bangalore south, Subramanyapura B'lore - 560061, have changed my name as **SHARATH KUMAR SHETTY. B,** vide affidavit dated 18/04/2022 sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, B'lore.

I, SUMAIYA HAMID ANSARI, W/o Mohammed kalim Qureshi R/o My Nest Apartments, A-110, 2nd floor, Golahalli mn rd, Shikari playa, Electronic city phase-1 B'lore - 560100, have changed my name as **SUMAIYA KALIM QURESHI,** vide affidavit dated 18/04/2022 sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, B'lore.

I, DIKSHITHA SANJAY PARMAR, resident of # 292, SV Classic 2, 1st Floor, Flat No.101, 6th Block BEL Layout, Near Vidyaranyapura Police Station, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560 097, have changed my name from **DIKSHITHA SANJAY PARMAR** to **DIKSHITHA ROHAN** vide affidavit dated 18/04/2022 sworn before notary public, K.P. Ramesh, Bengaluru.

I, (OLD NAME) B.N.YOGESH, residing at No. 09, 3rd Cross, Patel Layout, Balagere, Varthur, Bengaluru East, Bengaluru-560087, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) B.N.YOGESH** to **(NEW NAME) MAHESH GOWDA** vide affidavit Dated 18/04/2022 sworn before Notary G.B.Turamari, Bangalore.

I, WILSON VERMA, aged about 30 years, W/o. Ambuj Singh, R/at A - 103, Lotus Palace Apartment, 6th Avenue, Kasavanahalli, Bangalore - 560035, Karnataka, India, shall hence forthbe known as **WILSON DEEPTI SINGH,** vide affidavit dated 18-04-2022, before notary B M CHANDRASHEKAR, Bangalore.

I, (OLD NAME) SUCELLA, W/o. Late. Devaraj.N, residing at Aligeshan Building, Bacchappa Layout, Near Muneshwara Temple, B.Channasandra, Horamavu, Bangalore-560043, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SUCELLA** to **(NEW NAME) AASWATH RANI** vide affidavit Dated 18/04/2022 sworn before Notary Umamaheswary.M.N, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

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Rockline Venkatesh to produce Yogaraj Bhat's next starring Shivarajkumar and Prabhudheva

Rockline Venkatesh

A SHARADHAA

Yogaraj Bhat's next directorial is set to feature Century Star Shivarajkumar and the multi-faceted Prabhudheva as the leads. The project will be backed by Rockline Venkatesh under his Rockline Entertainments banner.

The official confirmation of the project was made by Yogaraj Bhat, who is currently busy with the release of *Gaalipata 2* and is also shooting for *Garadi*.

The Shivarajkumar-Prabhudheva film is tentatively titled *Kuladalli Keelyavudo*, and will be a period drama set in 1960 and 1970. This project marks yet another big-budget film from Rockline Entertainments, which is known for films like *Lingaa* and *Bhajarangi Bhaijaan*.

The makers have planned a muhurath in May, and more details about the project is expected then.

This apart, Rockline Venkatesh will also be backing the Hindi remake of *Visaranai*. The production house also has a pan-India project with Vijay Devarakonda, which is likely to go on floors after the actor completes his commitments with director Puri Jagannadh. Interestingly, Rockline Venkatesh and Yash had collaborated for a project, which did not take off due to the latter's commitment with *KGF*. In all likelihood, there will be a film with the actor and producer. The producer will also be bankrolling Darshan's next with director Tharun Kishore Sudhir, and will begin shooting once the Challenging Star completes shooting for *Kranti*.

Yogaraj Bhat

Prabhudheva

DHRUVA SARJA-PREM'S NEXT TO BE LAUNCHED ON APRIL 24

The film is bankrolled by KVN Productions; invitation has been designed by the director which has been garnering attention

Dhruva sarja, Venkat Narayana Konanki and Prem

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THE muhurath of Dhruva Sarja-Prem's next film, backed by KVN Productions, is fixed for April 24.

Ahead of the launch, the invitation designed by the director has garnered a lot of attention. The poster, which has a retro feel, is captioned, 'War Prelude from here'. It has the illustration of a person standing with a gun, a statue of well-known personality Kempegowda, a glimpse of Vidhana Soudha, and sights of destruction in the background.

Based on true events, the film is set in the 1970s and is said to take place in Bengaluru. The actor and director are teaming up for the first time for this mass entertainer and more details about the project are expected on the launch date. The production design has already begun, and the project is likely to go on floors by the end of May.

Meanwhile, Dhruva is busy completing the shoot for AP Arjun's *Martin*, which is currently in its last phase.

Murli Sharma makes his Kannada debut with R Chandru's multilingual film *Kabzaa*

The well-known south Indian actor is playing a character named Veer Bahaddur in the period-action drama starring Upendra and Sudeep

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR R Chandru's *Kabzaa* will be among the handful of films, which is gearing to make a pan-India appeal. The multilingual film stars Upendra, Sudeep, and Shriya Saran as the leads. And now, the makers have also brought on board Murli Sharma. The 200-film-old south Indian actor, a popular personality in the Telugu industry, has worked in Hindi, Marathi, Telugu, Tamil, and Malayalam and will mark his Kannada debut with *Kabzaa*.

Murli will be playing a character named Veera Bahaddhur, who hails from the royal Bahaddur family, says Chandru. "Murli is a popular face among the Telugu audience, and his role in Ala *Vaikunthapurramuloo* won him a lot of fanfare. We decided to approach him to play a pivotal role in this film which he has accepted," adds the director.

Murli Sharma

Murli, the latest actor to join the ensemble cast, has completed the shoot. He says, "I was a little nervous in the beginning as I don't speak Kannada. However, this was a beautiful experience and all the credit goes to director Chandru. It's a beautiful and performance-oriented role. There are a few beautiful scenes featuring me, which I think have come out very well. My director is happy so I am."

A still from *Kabzaa*

The team recently wrapped up a big schedule for *Kabzaa* completing 85 per cent of the film's shooting. "We are now left with another big schedule of 20 days. There will be some more actors joining the team in the last phase of shooting," says Chandru.

Meanwhile, the makers are planning to release the film sometime during Dasara.

Would love to do a Tamil film as a challenge: Abhishek Bachchan

SHILAJIT MITRA

ABHISHEK Bachchan was charmed by the concept of *Dasvi*. In the film, now out on Netflix and Jio Cinema, the actor is Ganga Ram Chaudhary, the chief minister of the fictional state of 'Harit Pradesh'. As the story starts, Ganga is arrested and sent to judicial custody. In prison, he rants and raves, to little effect. Then, to the shock of everyone around, he decides to write his class 10 exams from jail. This much happened in 2017, when Om Prakash Chautala, the former Chief Minister of Haryana, cleared his 10th boards while imprisoned in a teachers' recruitment scam.

"It sounded like a fun idea," says Abhishek, who saw the film as an opportunity to return to comedy, a genre he last attempted in *Housefull 3* (2016). "My last few films (*Bob Biswas*, *The Big Bull*) have been tough and intense work. I was looking to do something lighter and a bit more gregarious."

While drawn from a real story, *Dasvi*—directed by Tushar Jalota and written by Ritesh Shah and Suresh Nair (the story came from Ram Bajpai)—improvises heavily around Ganga's predicament. For instance, he faces tough resistance from jail superintendent Jyoti Deswal (Yami Gautam). Then there's Bimla (Nimrat Kaur), Ganga's wife, who, after being made the proxy CM, can't let go of her newfound power. The equation recalls what happened in Bihar in 1997, though Nimrat denies a direct connection.

"That's a different background, a different state," Nimrat says. "I had to find Bimmo within the script of *Dasvi*. It's about someone who has tasted power and doesn't know what to do with it. Because she is so submissive at the film's start, it's almost like the oppressed becoming the oppressor."

In one scene, Bimla visits her hapless husband in jail. As they talk, she piles his plate high with ghee. Nimrat recalls struggling to keep a straight face during shoot—Abhishek kept cracking her up. This also happened during their first scene in the film. "He has an infectious laughter," she says.

"I'm a very inhibited actor," Abhishek says of his need to joke around on set. "It takes me a lot to do comedy. You have to be shameless. So my way to overcome that is to spread the energy around."

There was also the matter of the accent. Characters in *Dasvi* speak a mix of Hindi and Haryanvi—or rather, Hindi with a Haryanvi twang. Abhishek and Nimrat had dialect coaches to guide them through. Still, it was a tightrope walk, since it's easy to slip back into one's own tongue. "There's a singsong manner in which Haryanvi is spoken," Abhishek explains. "They could say I love you and I hate you with the same effect."

"Often times I would be corrected that my accent is tilting towards Punjabi," Nimrat adds.

A chunk of the film was shot at the central jail in Agra. Abhishek filmed with real convicts, who doubled up as background extras. Some of them have been inside for 30-40 years. Yet, there was an ordinariness to their lives that surprised him. "They were unbelievably disciplined and well-mannered, almost nothing like how we expect inmates to be," Abhishek recalls. "I used to try and find out when they are planning to break out (laughs)."

The message of *Dasvi*—delivered rather simplistically—is that education trumps all. As Ganga delves deep into his studies, sincerely and without trying to cut corners, he emerges a better man. There is a point in the film when he comes to believe he has dyslexia, a condition Abhishek was diagnosed with as a child. He was sent to a boarding school in Switzerland but came to know of his dyslexia after graduating. "I wasn't aware of it when I was in school. I was only told after."

Dasvi, he hopes, will open up discussions on how we approach education at large. "There is a difference between being studious and being educated. Let's not waste time on the former," he says.

Last year, Abhishek finished filming for the Hindi remake of *Oththa Seruppu Size 7*. It's his first remake of a Tamil film since 2004's *Run*. He's an old muse of Mani Ratnam, whom he describes as 'family'. In fact, Abhishek was meant to feature in both versions of *Raavan* (2010), their last film together, but backed out due to his unfamiliarity with Tamil.

"I would love to do that as a challenge someday," he says now. "But then I'll take a good 1-2 years to learn the language. I wouldn't do it mechanically."